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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8:43 AM
To: sheridanak@gci.net
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8:15 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Edward Sheridan
address: 5920 Ridgelake Cir Anchorage AK 99504
344-8685

MESSAGE:

Thank You for the Chistmas Eve leave. I have worked for the state for 11 years under two other administrations and this is a first. Merry Christmas to you and your family.-Ed Sheridan

sheridanak@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [govemor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:49 AM
To: Wright, Kelli J (DOT)
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:06 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:46 AM
To: jessicacox8@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 5:13 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jessica Co

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:45 AM
To: elliot Edenmarie@asdk12.org
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 6:19 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Eden Elliott-Hernandez
address: 11229 Mausel St Eagle River AK 99577
907 350-5617

MESSAGE:

Just a quick note to commend you on a job well done! You are straightforward, proactive, and committed to high levels of excellence. As a Christian, a woman, and as a teacher I am continuously astounded at the positive dialogue and involvement your governorship has provided. Your leadership has proved to be a segue to both hope and increased levels of trust in our government. Your administration reflects the true meaning of democracy; we are fortunate to have you as our Governor.

Merry Christmas, and may God continue to bless you and your difficult decisions in the future.

Eden Elliott-Hernandez
Mountain View Elementary

elliott_edenmarie@asdk12.org

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 6:03 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Phone call

Governor,

We are standing by to give you a call (tom, pat, Marty, and myself). Just drop me an email when you get there and are ready.

Joe

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Haven't read all of it but summary sounds great - I'll finish tonight.
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 16:17:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act. ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

- 1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
- 2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port;
and

- 3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: 'revans@fs.fed.us'
Subject: RE: Transportation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:24 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Mr. Ross Evans
address: 2116 Halibut Point Road #4 Sitka AK 99835

MESSAGE:

I have read the upcoming budget you have proposed. I do agree with you that slowing governmental growth is important. I believe in less government overall. That being said, there is an area of state government that if neglected, as has been and will be, based on your proposed budget, causes damage to citizens and visitors alike. The AMHA is vital to many communities, especially in the southeast. The service has suffered a lot of very publicly announced losses lately, and the proposed budget does nothing to recoup those losses and provide for current and future operations. The combination of the aging fleet, the unexpected operational problems with the fast ferries, the high cost of fuel...all have damaged the ability of the AMHS to provide even basic transportation services. These are not my opinion, these are facts agreed upon by all. My question is, knowing how poorly the service is doing presently, why is the proposed budget not being developed to fix the existing problems, support

current operations, and provide for the already publicized major expenditures required to provide the service in the future? I am a disabled veteran, and the ferry is my only means of transportation to shop in Juneau. Since I live on a fixed income, I must shop very carefully and within a strict budget. So shopping in Juneau, making bulk purchases, is the only way I can afford many of my daily use items. I cannot take these items on Alaska Airlines, so the ferry is my only other available option. Since service cuts have already decimated Sitka to Juneau (or Sitka to anywhere, for that matter) service, how can I expect to stay in Sitka and survive? Tourists will not be able to visit as much, I cannot make it to medical appts, I cannot visit anyone, vehicles cannot be transported to Sitka,... the list goes on and on. Why is a basic service to Alaskans being allowed to be discontinued like this? Please, begging is not pretty, but sometimes necessary. Cutting basic services, while banking

record budget surpluses sickens me. Plea!

se don't do it anymore. Please help. Thank you.

revans@fs.fed.us

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: scamp@hopealaska.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Sandra Camp
address: 540 W. International Airport R Anchorage AK 99518-1105
907-333-5183

MESSAGE:

Sandra Camp
540 W. International Airport Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99518-1105

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Dear Governor Palin: Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including \$10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

In Alaska, families with children make up 45% of the homeless, and the average age of a homeless person in Alaska is nine years old. More and more families are being driven into homelessness due to inadequate income, lack of affordable housing or a catastrophic event such as loss of a job, illness, injury or the need to flee from a violent partner. Whatever the reason for homelessness, a safe and affordable home will help children be more successful in school and promote strong families that can care for all their members.

For people who are struggling with mental illness or an addiction, safe, affordable, stable housing is the first step in recovery. As well as a stable home, the Alaska Housing Trust will provide a variety of supportive services that will help people with disabilities maintain the stability they need to keep their housing. The result will be greater community stability and cost savings to the state in public safety, corrections and other public funding it would otherwise use.

Thank you again for supporting the Alaska Housing Trust. This investment will result in stable families, seniors and people with disabilities living in independence and dignity, stronger cities, towns and neighborhoods, and healthier more productive Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Sandra Camp

907-333-5183

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scamp@hopealaska.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: s.lewis@valleyres.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:13 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Lewis
address: PO Box 877782 Wasilla AK 99687-7782

MESSAGE:

Susan Lewis
PO Box 877782
Wasilla, AK 99687-7782

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

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sincerely,

Susan Lewis, Accountant

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s.lewis@valleyres.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:47 PM
To: kobukvalleyconsulting@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:03 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
address: PO Box 15 Kiana AK 99749-0015
907-475-2297

MESSAGE:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
PO Box 15
Kiana, AK 99749-0015

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

You asked for input, and you listened to what we said. You have made a big difference in many people's lives by doing so.

Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including \$10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
907-475-2297

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kobukvalleyconsulting@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: Weber, Natalie E (DFG)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:55 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Natalie W

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: Rymer, John P (DOA)
Subject: RE: Christmas Eve

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From: Rymer, John P (DOA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:37 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Christmas Eve

Governor Palin,

Thank you very much for the extra time with our family and friends

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:46 PM
To: jweaverak@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:38 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Mr. John Weaver
address: 8420 Longhorn St Anchorage AK 99507-6350
9073464560

MESSAGE:

John Weaver
8420 Longhorn Street
Anchorage, AK 99507-6350

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

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Sincerely,

John Weaver

9073464560

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jweaverak@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:45 PM
To: disantodm@muni.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Diane DiSanto
address: Municipality of Anchorage, Mayo Anchorage AK 99519-6650
343-7105

MESSAGE:

Diane DiSanto
Municipality of Anchorage, Mayor's office, PO Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650

December 19, 2007

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Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Sincerely,

Diane DiSanto

343-7105

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disantodm@muni.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:45 PM
To: aangel@focusoutreach.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 3:18 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Annette Angel
address: PO Box 671750 Chugiak AK 99567-1750
907-688-0282

MESSAGE:

Annette Angel
PO Box 671750
Chugiak, AK 99567-1750

December 19, 2007

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Sincerely,

Annette Angel

907-688-0282

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aangel@focusoutreach.org

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:44 PM
To: Gray; Mary A (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mary Gray

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:42 PM
To: Wilson; Debra E (CED)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 12:59 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Debra Wi

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:43 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mt. View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today

I'll catch up w Diane.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 10:44:17
To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Mt. View Rasmuson Tour 12:00 noon today

Governor - Would you prefer to drive during the tour at Mt. View with passengers or would you prefer to ride and have someone else drive during this time. Thanks, Janice

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:42 AM
To: Jedlicka; Kiersten W (DOA)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:31 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kiersten

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:25 AM
To: Milward; Kathy L (DOL)
Subject: RE: Christmas Eve - Half Day Leave

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From: Milward, Kathy L (DOL)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:13 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Christmas Eve - Half Day Leave

Dear Sarah,

I am a valley girl like yourself and, althou

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:51 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: State Email mess

Here was Admin's response back to Mr. King about the email issue. I don't know if someone re-forwarded this to you with your correct addy. Sorry if you've already received it.

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From: Petro, Rachael A (DOA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:41 PM
To: Ron King; Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Moyer, Janet A (DOA); govsarah@yahoo.com; Dubey, Anand (DOA)
Subject: RE: State Email mess

Please feel free to contact me directly and privately in regard to your concerns about the new email system. My direct line is 269-5795.

We are painfully aware of our reputation for poor customer service and are committed to working out the issues with the new email system. We are implementing new processes within ETS which will enable us to provide the customer service our customers deserve. This process is now in place for ALMR/SATS and is "coming soon" to the remainder of the division.

You are correct that agency staff who worked to implement the new email system deserve kudos, and I apologize for not incorporating them into the recognition event. That was a complete oversight, and certainly not intended to be a slap in the face. I am sorry.

Please contact me directly to share your concerns in confidence – so we can begin to find solutions.

Sincerely,
Rachael Petro

Rachael Petro
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Administration

www.state.ak.us/admin Website
rachael.petro@alaska.gov Email
907-269-0303 Main
907-269-5795 Direct
907-269-0308 Fax

From: Ron King [mailto:ron.king71@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Petro, Rachael A (DOA); Moyer, Janet A (DOA); govsarah@yahoo.com; Dubey, Anand (DOA)
Subject: State Email mess

8/26/2009

I apologize for writing this anonymously, but there's never been a forum offered for such blunt comments on the state email mess. I also fear retribution for speaking my mind. I also apologize for my sarcasm, but at this point, it's the only way I can deal with it.

I don't know who's idea it was to throw a party for ETS and give awards for the mis-implementation of the new email system, but it was a HUGE slap in the face to employees in other departments who devoted time and effort to try to make it work. Not to mention, it doesn't work properly! But the worst part is that NOTHING is being done about the inadequacies of the new system.

Thanks for using technology to make it harder to do business. I thought it was supposed to be the other way around.

But, whatever is easier for ETS, right?

Looking for last minute shopping deals? Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.

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Subject: Other

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Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 10:01 AM
To: donna_suzanne_anderson@yahoo.com

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Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 5:45 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 4:18 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

- 1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
- 2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port; and
- 3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

8/28/2009

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:16 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fishermen's Fund

Governor,

We have another spot to fill on the Fishermen's Fund – this one the Northern Southeast seat. Two Options researched by Cora below. I'd lean towards Privileged or Personal Material Redacted. Below are the only two applicants we have on file for this position.

Filling this seat will leave just one recent vacancy that opened up when Andy Ruby passed away. We're working on this to pick another one off our list.

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From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 1:35 PM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Fishermen's Fund

Frank,

For the District 2 seat on Fishermen's Fund (Northern Southeast) we have two applicants.

1. Alan Anderson of Sitka is a lifelong Alaskan fisherman who has served on the boards of Seafood Producers Cooperative and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association for many years.
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

2. Chris Knight of Juneau is a fisherman who is also a registered lobbyist Privileged or Personal Material Rec
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Let me know if I should keep looking.

Thanks,
Cora

Cora Crome
Fisheries Policy Advisor
Office of the Governor
(907) 465-3500

Please note that my e-mail address has changed. The new address is cora.crome@alaska.gov.

8/27/2009

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:21 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Carvel Zimin Jr

Good comments on your Denali Com. Appointment.

F

----- Original Message -----

From: McKinnon and Associates, LLC <mgmckinnon@gci.net>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 21:17:37 2007
Subject: RE: Carvel Zimin Jr

Frank,

No need to reply, know you are busy. Carvel did an excellent job at the project meeting December 12-13; showed himself to be an excellent Alaskan in a room full of excellent Alaskans. What a great effort on your part.

Merry Christmas to you and yours,

Mike

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 5:40 PM
To: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Needs help

Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Denby Lloyd
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: M Nizich
Cc: K Perry
Cc: Janice Mason
Sent: Dec 20, 2007 4:12 PM
Subject: RE: Needs help

We'll give Mr. Gerbin a call. DL.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
907-465-4719

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:07 PM
To: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Needs help

Philip Ray Gerbin has asked f and g for assistance as he missed moose

season for military service. Pls call him 745-5780 he's inqiured and was
not given answers. Pls call him. Thanksy

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:36 PM
To: Beth Leschper
Cc: Dan T (DOA) Seamount; Mike Tibbles; John Katz
Subject: Re: IOGCC Release

If katz and seamount like it then yes, we'll sign
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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 14:29:40

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Seamount, Dan T (DOA)" <dan.seamount@alaska.gov>

Subject: IOGCC Release

Governor:

IOGCC would like to send out a release that addresses the recent legislation for the federal spending package that would reduce state/federal revenue sharing for oil and gas produced on federal land and cut states' shares by 2%. This has been a 50/50 split. The current legislation makes it 48/52 - the feds would keep an additional 2 percent for administrative costs.

Here's a chart that shows the states that are most affected:

Highest State Deductions Based on FY 2007 Federal Mineral Revenue Disbursements

Wyoming - \$18,505,238
New Mexico - \$11,058,689
Utah - \$2,708,593
Colorado - \$2,457,844
California - \$1,224,818
Montana - \$783,165

Louisiana - \$480,591

Alaska - \$435,933

Texas - \$433,345

North Dakota - \$275,508

I've attached a draft release and pasted the text below. You would be addressing the issue as IOGCC chairman.

John Katz has reviewed the draft.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Governor

State of Alaska

907-465-3443

907-723-1321

Oil and Gas Producing States to Fight Federal Revenue Sharing Provision

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) announced today that it will fight to restore funding cut by the passage of a Congressional spending package provision that will reduce states' share of revenues from federal oil and gas production.

The provision reallocates funding from a current 50-50 split of federal oil and gas revenues to a 48-52 percent split. This results in a 2 percent reduction of federal oil and gas revenue income to the states - and an unjustified 2 percent increase in revenue to the federal government.

"The IOGCC has long advocated for a fair 50-50 split on revenue and was in fact instrumental in achieving that goal several years ago," said Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, IOGCC chairman. "This latest Congressional action poses a significant threat to states and state programs. The IOGCC will continue to do everything in its power to fight this provision."

Gov. Palin said she is also concerned that this Congressional action would set a precedent in reducing the share of revenue that is distributed to the states.

"We believe that the federal government has not made its case for this action," said IOGCC Acting Executive Director Gerry Baker. "Previous studies have shown that states can administer the revenue distribution at a much lower cost than the federal government."

Although the new provision will affect many states, it will hit western states with the most public lands the hardest. Such is the case with New Mexico, an IOGCC member state.

"Revenue from oil and gas production on federal land is an important source of income for the state of New Mexico," said Mark Fesmire, chairman of New Mexico's Oil Conservation Commission. "This new provision would hit the state hard and would reduce our share of revenue by more than \$11 million per year."

The IOGCC, representing the governors of 30 member and eight associate states, promotes the conservation and efficient recovery of the nation's oil and natural gas resources while protecting health, safety, and the environment. Established by the charter member states' governors in 1935, it is the oldest, largest, and most effective interstate compact in the nation.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:27 PM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Office

Leaving salvation army thing now and will be in office for agia

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:06 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

Not your fault I should have checked directions days ago

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 13:04:46 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

I've been trying Franci on her cell phone now for awhile, but I'll keep trying and see if I can reach Ray Nix. Sorry for the confusion.

-----Original Message-----

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

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To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
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Kris where's the old glenn turn off?

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:37 PM
To: marineferlife7@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. scott kelley
address: 263 CORDELL CIRCLE JACKSONVILLE NC 28540
910-388-1341

MESSAGE:

My name is Cpl. Scott E. Kelley and I am currently deployed in Iraq and some of my fellow Marines had told me that their state had a program where they would send the state flag to deployed service members I was wondering if Alaska had this program I was born in Alaska and lived there for many years but I am currently stationed in North Carolina. If we do not have this program I would like to request a flag be sent to me if that is at all possible my mailing address is as follows:

Cpl. Kelley, Scott E.
VMM-263
Unit 77062
F.P.O. AE 09509-7062

Thank you for your time,

Cpl. Kelley

VMM-263

marineferlife7@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
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To: Maricle; Martin D (DNR)
Subject: RE: Natural_Resources

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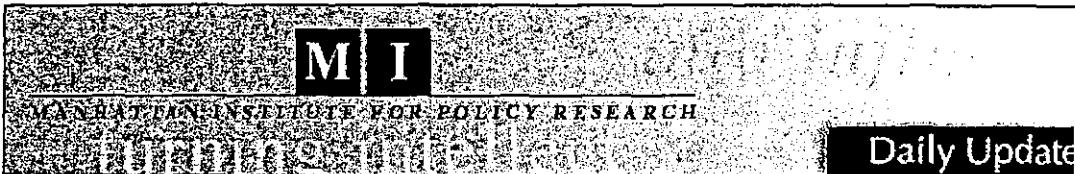
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To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Manhattan Institute Daily Update

From: Manhattan Institute [mailto:tmi@manhattan-institute.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 6:00 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Manhattan Institute Daily Update



Keeping you up-to-date on the latest by Manhattan Institute Scholars

December 20, 2

ARTICLES**NY's Bloated Hospitals**

Steven Malanga, *New York Post*, December 20, 2007

Even as the '08 presidential candidates stress the need to reform health care, New York state is leading the way - backward. A year after the landmark Berger Commission report called for modest cuts in New York's excess hospital capacity, the state has lost ground. . .

Beware the Witches of Grammar

John McWhorter, *New York Sun*, December 20, 2007

(This article also appeared on the [National Review Online Web Briefing](#))

The fierceness with which people hold to the idea that there are things English speakers say that contravene logic, and thus constitute lapses in intelligence, grace, and civility, is a peculiar experience for a linguist. . . This tradition of grammatical witchhunting is founded so deeply in perceptions of intelligence and social standing that no amount of argumentation, I suspect, could penetrate it meaningfully. . .

The Best Disinfectant

Nicole Gelinas, *City Journal Online*, December 19, 2007

New York attorney general Andrew Cuomo is trying to do something revolutionary in New York State: let voters know what's going on. His newly launched website, Project Sunlight, quotes James Madison: "People who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives"--before giving a guided tour of Albany and its all-too-secretive inhabitants. It's a promising start, but only a start. . .

TELEVISION

Nicole Gelinas on Fox Business Channel's "Cavuto"

On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Nicole Gelinas, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute and *City Journal* Contributing Editor, discussed the significance of the housing crisis in the ongoing Presidential campaign on "Cavuto," airing nationally on Fox Business Channel.

Steven Malanga on PBS's "NY Voices"

On Tuesday, December 18, 2007, Manhattan Institute senior fellow and *City Journal* senior editor Steven Malanga was on PBS's "NY Voices." He discussed Wall Street and New York City's economy. This show will air again on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM ET in the New York tri-state area.

R A D I O

Max Schulz on Westwood One's "Lars Larson Show"

On Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Max Schulz, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute's Center for Energy Policy and the Environment, critiqued the new energy bill, signed yesterday by President Bush, on the nationally syndicated "Lars Larson Show."

W E B M A G A Z I N E S

PointofLaw.com

More successful countersuits by docs?

Posted by Walter Olson

Not clear at all whether there's a trend -- and the legal system is set up to make it extremely hard for doctors to prevail in countersuits -- but the AMA's American Medical News notes that three Ohio doctors have succeeded in getting their legal fees paid by adversaries over the past six months, along with a similar such case in Mississippi. . .

MindingTheCampus.com

A Surprisingly Welcome Financial Aid Shake Up

Posted by Anthony Paletta

Harvard's announcement, on December 10, that it was eliminating student loans, and otherwise increasing grant support for lower and middle income students, has set off a torrent of welcome news in the last nine days. . .

MedicalProgressToday.com

It's the Little Things That Really Count

Posted by Benjamin Zycher

Forget about that 10 percent reduction in Medicare reimbursements for physicians, scheduled to take effect January 1. Congress, reflecting the joy of the Holiday Season, is about to approve an increase of - roll the drums, please - 0.5 percent. For six whole months! . .

Sincerely,

William G. Zeiser
Press Officer

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Press Officer

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:34 PM
To: Daak; Linda M (CED)
Subject: RE: Holiday leave

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From: Daak, Linda M (CED)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:02 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Holiday leave

Thanks for the leave on Christmas Eve, I really appreciate it.

Time is a great g

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:33 PM
To: Wright; Robert L (DOT)
Subject: RE: Labor

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 8:31 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Labor

Web mail from: Mr. robert wr

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:31 PM
To: Wood; Elisha A (DOA)
Subject: RE: Other

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Subject: Other

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:31 PM
To: Mary_Perna@alaska.gov
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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:07 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mary Pern

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:31 PM
To: Keeter, Kelly J (HSS)
Subject: RE: December 24 Schedule

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From: Keeter, Kelly J (HSS)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:05 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: FW: December 24 Schedule

Dear Governor Palin: With the utmost respect and pleasure, I feel co

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:29 PM
To: drshorte@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us] ,
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:39 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. james trissel
address: p.o. box 3768 soldotna AK 99669
(907) 283-5455

MESSAGE:

I would like to make a few comments to governor Palin. I have a big problem with the use of the money that we MAY get. I understand trying to forward fund education but just like everyone else in this entire world the education system needs to learn how to live within there means. I understand first hand the differed maintenance problems but I believe they should trim the budget and eliminate waste before receiving any additional funds. Also I would like to see the PERS funding problem fixed. I am a city worker and the only reason I and many others work for the government agencies is the retirement program. The problem was created by the state and they should fund the program and work on making the PERS system stay in the black. Also I voted for you because I heard you talk allot about fixing the budget and having the state live within our means. So far I see us spending more and not saving, or paying off our debt. I want someone to start making tough choices so that my 2 year

old son will not have to fix the problems we are now facing. I love Alaska and have since I moved here back in 90'. I want to stay here and live my entire life here. We are the richest state that I have ever been to and lived in and we can remain that way for years to come. The biggest topic that I would like for you to tackle, like you are working on, is getting gas back down to the Kenai. I have heard a lot of people talking about the gas line down to here and also I hear people talking about the lack of industry here to be a large user. As with anything else you have to have the supply before the industry will commit to work in the area. We as a state will need to make the investment before people are going to invest with us. Industry would like to see some investment and concessions before they are going to invest. If you put as much energy into the gas line that you did for the failing Mat-maid we would have a gas line in half the time. I would like to have some inform

ation on what you would like to see happen!

n and how you are going to accomplish the task. Again I would like to see the paying off of debt and saving for the future. Please contact me and let me know where I am wrong with the comments and what information I need to make informed choices. I also invite you to call me and talk to me anytime. My Cell phone number is 252-9854. Call me anytime and i will make time to talk to you. I would like to let you know i used to live in Wasilla and found your work there to be great.

drshorte@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:27 PM
To: mpierce@ptialaska.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 11:05 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. brian pierce
address: 505 hirst st sitka AK 99835

MESSAGE:

I am concerned that our planned budget for 2008 will not be a planned deficit. It is essential that we operate within our financial ability and do not increase but rather decrease our debt. We must operate our state within our means. It is a great concern that our natl. governement and our state continue to carelessly spend without regard for a larger vision and scope for the future. It must begin NOW, first on our state level and in a greater degree the federal gov. COULD WE PLEASE RESOLVE OUR FINACIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY. 9++ TRILLION ??????

thanks,
blessings to you
brian

mpierce@ptialaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:26 PM
To: Flygstad; Jane M (DPS)
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jane Fly

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:19 PM
To: jdmack@alaska.net
Subject: RE: Thank You!

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-----Original Message-----

From: jdmack@alaska.net [mailto:jdmack@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:41 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Thank You!

Governor Palin,

As a State of Alaska employee, I

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:18 PM
To: DAVIDLANDTERESAB@STARBAND.NET
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Ak_History_Facts

Web mail from:

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:13 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

I'll have to go back to wasilla before finding it then so let them knoow I prob won't make it in time

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 12:11:39 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

Old glenn can be accessed by going thru Palmer (like you were on your way to cemetary or Butte - I think the road is Arctic thru Palmer) or it can be accessed by taking the Old Glenn exit off the flats.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>
To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
Subject: Re: Ag

Kris where's the old glenn turn off?

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 11:57:08 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

Governor - just spoke to them. Go out Old Glen - Go 7-8 miles and you will come to Yellow Blinking Lt. turn Right - continue approx. 3-4 miles and you will come to Spur Rd. - small sign probably covered in snow - there is a gate there. Let me know and I can call you to walk you through also. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 11:51 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Ag

I'm looking for this ag christmas party. So far no luck- any more info on location?

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:12 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: RE: Ag

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To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
Subject: Re: Ag

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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:06 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Pls note aft mtg with gasline team today

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:03 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Ag

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:01 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

Has no idea it was so far away. I doubt I can make it in time and still make other stops before 2pm event.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:36 AM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Really, no one needs to be there as I hand out certificates - its an easy one and wasn't planning on security.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:24:31

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE:

If you pull up to the entrance, Bob will take and park the vehicle for you. Janice, when you speak with them, can you find out what entrance the event will be held and I'll let Bob know. Governor, I'll plan on being at the Walmart event.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:20 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Re:

Pls ask them where I should park- and hopefully I'm getting out right after the check-giving ceremony bc traffic is horrible across town- it took me two hours to get home last night and I need to be back in the office to meet on gasline right after this walmart event. I can't be there an hour.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:17:06

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject:

Governor - I have updated calendar to reflect Wal-Mart Event for today:

Location: Wal-Mart Store - 8900 Old Seward Hwy. - ENTER Front of Store - South end by McDonald's

2:00 p.m. beginning of event. Wal-Mart will present check of \$25,000 (500 gift cards) to the Salvation Army. The Wal-Mart Manager is Marty Howard. Marty is celebrating 27 years with Wal-Mart. Major Doug Pollerud, Salvation Army Divisional Commander will be accepting the check for the Salvation Army.

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Janice

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Subject: Re: WalMart

Thanks!

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 10:22:02 2007
Subject: RE: WalMart

Governor, I just sent an email with an update for this event. Jenni Ragland, PR Director for Salvation Army will meet you at the entrance @ 2:00 p.m. They will have a designated spot for you blocked off. I just spoke w/Jenni and stated that you had approx. 30 min. for this event only. Janice

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:18 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: WalMart

Is there someone I should hook up with at the 2pm Salvation Army thing at wal mart today?
Did they want me to park anywhere in a designated area?

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:23 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: Nueman

Right on.

He just sent me a letter asking for a donation to his camapign. Oh dear Lord...

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 10:21:57

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Nueman

Newman is now calling me. I will call him back and tell him that we do not have a million dollar slush fund and there is no legal appropriation to give the farmers \$200,000. Pri
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Mike

From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:51 AM
To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Subject: RE: Nueman

Governor,

I spoke to Rep. Neuman yesterday afternoon about his comments and asked him specifically what he meant. He said it is his understanding that the governor has "a million dollar discretionary account" and could use \$200,000 of that to help dairy farmers (specifically the group led by Kyle Beus).

He was emphatic that any more money from the legislature would take until spring, which is too late (From today's ADN: "In the meantime, the state Creamery Board on Friday authorized a request to the Legislature for up to \$200,000 in financial aid for the four farmers"). He's upset that state officials had a problem with the dumping of the milk. He said farmers are at the point where there going to have to "take the cows out in the field and shoot them."

He remains disappointed that he cannot get a meeting with you to discuss this issue. You'll remember he tried during the special session. He wondered if he'd done something that upset you. I told him I had no knowledge of any specific issue and declined to speculate.

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I'll stand by for now.

Russ

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Subject: Nueman

Russ- pls find out what Nueman meant, speaking on KTUU saying "the guv has discretionary funds to help... I look to her to keep MatMaid open".

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:22 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Where can I find diane kaplan to give her a gift?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft media advisory with edits

Excellent - and great timing with the recent revelations in national press that Iowa's electronic voting machines may have problems. Thanks for working on this.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2007 09:25:56

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Draft media advisory with edits

Governor,

Just wanted you to be aware of what we were doing Friday when UAA releases phase 1 of the Alaska Elections Security Project. I gave Kris P. and Mike T. a heads up yesterday on this. Shouldn't be any bombshells. We're being proactive about ensuring elections security. Last summer I asked the University to take an independent look at our elections technology and the processes/procedures employed. UAA completed its initial look and will provide a more in depth review in Phase II, across the next three months. My intent with the Division is to implement recommendations in time for 2008 elections.

What UAA found in this first phase was to them, "...in many ways re-assuring: Alaska's system has many features that improve security. Those include paper back ups for electronic counts, cross checking of vote counts in different locations, and a centralized system for state and federal elections throughout Alaska." (In other states, counties use their own patchwork of different procedures.)

A number of vulnerabilities have also been identified... For example, the scanners and touch screens "sleep over" with election workers in remote locations because the machines are flown in ahead of time to Bush villages. The Division has procedures for multiple people to check the accuracy of the starting count (set to zero) before polling begins, paper copies of votes are kept, and other procedures maintained to ensure the integrity of the process, but the University will delve deeper into whether other layers of safeguards are needed. In Phase II, UAA will continue to examine the technology (scanners/touch screens) used and make recommendations for improving elections security.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:32 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Great letter. Pls send. Thanks Randy.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 16:17:39

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Draft Governor's Letter Re: Proposed Federal Regulation Changes

Governor:

A draft letter is attached for your review. The deadline for submitting the letter is this Friday. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection is proposing a change in how it interprets the Passenger Vessel Services Act. ("PVSA")

Currently, the PVSA is interpreted to allow foreign flagged cruise ships to leave from a U.S. port on a cruise, continue on the cruise with passengers disembarking at several U.S. ports, and then stop briefly at a foreign port (usually Vancouver for cruises to Alaska) before returning to the U.S. port they left from. (Nearly all cruise ships operating in Alaska are foreign flagged)

The proposed change in how the PVSA is interpreted would require foreign flagged cruise ships to:

- 1) Stop at the foreign port for at least 48 hours;
- 2) Spend more than 50% of the total time spent at U.S. ports at the foreign port;
and

3) Allow passengers to go ashore at the foreign port.

If the proposed changes apply to Alaska, it would have a severe impact on the ability of cruise lines to offer trips to Alaska with stops at multiple ports as they do now. This would affect the number of passengers willing to take an Alaska cruise. There would also be impacts to the state's revenue from the cruise ship gambling tax, cruise ship income tax, the head taxes that go to municipalities, sales taxes to municipalities from purchases by passengers and crew onshore, and lost revenue to hundreds of Alaska businesses that rely on tourism.

POINTS MADE IN THE LETTER

The draft letter basically makes two points. First, the notice of the proposed change does not expressly apply to Alaska, so we are asking the federal agency to clarify the scope of the rule changes. Second, if the agency says the changes would apply to Alaska, we are asking the agency to delay the changes until it has performed a thorough review of the impacts to the State, municipalities, and Alaska businesses and then given everyone time to submit comments.

Thanks,

Randy

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:26 AM
To: Beth Leschper; Craig J (LAW) Tillary; Sharon Leighow; John Katz
Cc: K Perry; Mike Tibbles; Talis Colberg
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Thanks for providing them good info, Craig. I appreciate you speaking with Erika.
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From: "Tillary, Craig J (LAW)" <craig.tillary@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 15:08:38

To: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

I just spoke with Erika. She did not bring up the question of cooperation with the Congressional delegation, thus it would still be useful to have that discussion at a later date. My conversation was fairly short, as she did seem to be on a tight deadline, and she was mainly interested in the nature of the brief the State was preparing. I briefly described to her the history of the state's involvement in the private plaintiff punitive damage claim by way of prelude to telling her that we were new to this particular discussion and therefore still developing the brief. I then told her that in general we anticipated the brief would include a discussion of the legal issues enumerated by the Supreme Court as well as address Exxon's view that the payments it had made to the Governments for fines, penalties and damages somehow meant that it should not have to pay punitive damages. She asked if there was any particular legal issue that concerned us and I mentioned the second issue, the supposed preemptive effect of the Clean Water Act on common law punitive damages.

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Please note that my email address has changed to craig.tillery@alaska.gov

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From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 2:55 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Katz, John W (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Tillery, Craig J (LAW)
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Governor:

Erika called early this afternoon with a request for an interview.

However she is working on deadline now, she said she is filing her story in the next few minutes, and you are otherwise committed.

Craig Tillery will give her a quick interview.

I talked to Erika about doing another, longer piece in the near future and we'll work with her and Janice to get something on your schedule so that we can still get your message out.

Beth

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 12:30 PM
To: Katz, John W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Tillery, Craig J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Thank you. Happy to talk to press about it bc I respect Stevens' position on perhaps doing

his own... and I know this is bridge builder, not a rift.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 18 Dec 2007 16:13:11

To:"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Sharon Leighow"
<sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc:"Talis Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, "Kris Perry"
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Tillery" <Craig_Tillery@law.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Press Inquiry/Amicus Brief

Erika Bolstad, the ADN's DC reporter, has contacted the Alaska = Congressional delegation to ascertain whether they intend to join the = State's amicus brief in the Exxon Valdez litigation. It isn't clear = whether a secondary goal is to try to identify or create a rift = between the Governor and the delegation.

The delegation may respond as an entity or as individuals. In = any event, I'm told that they will refer to the close communication = and coordination which has occurred so far. One or more of them = might also mention their inclination to join the State's brief subject to = seeing a draft.

I think we're in good shape with the delegation. There truly = has been much communication and a united front in supporting the = plaintiffs and in thinking through the Solicitor General's involvements= .

I don't know whether Erika will call you or us, but I wanted you to = be aware of what's going on.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org>> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:24 AM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: Phone call

Sorry I was late getting home last night - thanks for your patience.

I'll be in the office late this afternoon, but before five. We can discuss more then- either via phone or in office, whatever works for you all. Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Balash
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Dec 19, 2007 6:02 PM
Subject: Phone call

Governor,

We are standing by to give you a call (tom, pat, Marty, and myself). Just drop me an email when you get there and are ready.

Joe

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:22 AM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Amazing speech

Thank you ivy!!!

Sure hope you're feeling better. I know those yucky incidents can really whack you out for awhile. I'm so sorry that happened to you.

When do you get up here for Christmas - and do you stay through New Year's celebrations?

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2007 18:21:46

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Amazing speech

I just have to see you gave a heart warming speech to our troops. Woke up from a nap just to listen this afternoon. Made me proud governor. It's especially touching because I see the sacrifices personally in your family. Please thank Track for selflessly choosing to defend all of us and our freedom.

Merry Christmas,

Ivy

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:35 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: WICHE Stat Alert

From: Stats [mailto:stats@wiche.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 6:17 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: WICHE Stat Alert

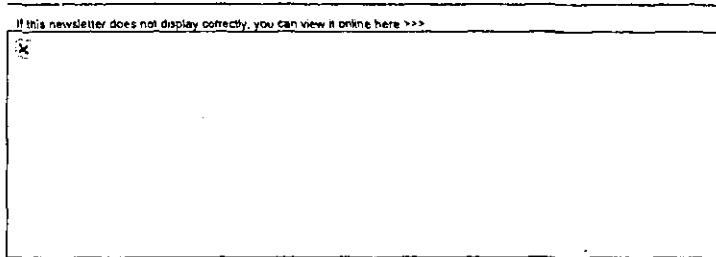
Stat Alert – December 20, 2007

WICHE has released a new Policy Insight (<http://www.wiche.edu/policy/PolicyInsights/TF07-08.pdf>) that examines tuition and fees charges in public higher education institutions in the West for the 2007-08 academic year.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) strives to maintain excellent communication with the education policy and research communities. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the Policy Alerts and/or Stat Alerts distribution lists, please email your name, title, and organization to Jeanette Porter at jporter@wiche.edu. These electronic distribution lists are used only to support WICHE-sponsored programs and to share resources about relevant issues in higher education policy and research. As an additional resource, WICHE maintains a Policy Publication Clearinghouse on the web at <http://wiche.edu/policy/Clearinghouse>, which includes past Policy Alerts and Stat Alerts, as well as other studies, reports, surveys, and policy briefs.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:55 PM
To: SOA All employees
Subject: Putting Alaska First - December 2007

**Items of Interest****Peak Performance Denali Awards Coming Soon!**

The nomination period for the second annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards, which recognize outstanding employees and teams for excellence in service to the state, will be Jan. 1-Feb. 15. Outstanding State of Alaska employees can be nominated in four categories – coworker recognition, excellence in customer service, exceptional performance and leadership.

Nominations can be made by any employee, including self-nomination. For more information about the nomination process, please visit the website at <http://dop.state.ak.us/index.php?Id=1120>.

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form for the appropriate award category. Each nomination must be submitted to the employee's departmental Denali Award representative by Feb. 15. Department Denali Award representatives are:

 Merry Christmas from Governor Sa

Christmas is a season for good will between our smallest villages to our largest cities, and I am so blessed to live and work in a state where we...

Great things are happening in Alaska. We can reflect on how far we've come and how far we still have to go. Our determination. We have so much to be grateful for, giving and fellowship, love and...

I want to thank Alaska's service members for their courage, sacrifice and protection and may they return home safe.

To every Alaskan, may the peace and warmth of the season bring you...

Merry Christmas and Happy Hol...

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Flags Lowered for Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention

Judge Tom Stewart Dead at 88

Governor Sarah Palin ordered state flags lowered to half-staff on Dec. 18 in honor and memory of retired Superior Court Judge Thomas Stewart. Judge Stewart died Dec. 12 in Juneau. He was 88.

Judge Stewart served in the territorial House of Representatives and served as a senator in the first session of the Alaska Legislature. He was the secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1955 and 1956. Judge Stewart also served as Superior Court Judge in Juneau from 1966 until his retirement in 1981. M

During World War II, he was a U.S. Army captain in the 10th Mountain Division ski troops, serving in Italy and the Aegean Islands.

"We lost a true visionary and a wealth of Alaska knowledge," said Governor Palin. "We can forever hold on to Judge Stewart's Alaskan spirit and his guidance for the future. If we abide by the constitution he helped create, today and tomorrow, we...

Judge Stewart volunteered for the Juneau World Affairs Council, served on the board of directors for the Symphony Foundation and the Southeast Alaska Land Trust, and was active with the Juneau Lyric Opera and other arts and community groups.

Judge Stewart is survived by six of his children.

We presented a budget on Dec. 1 to the Alaska Legislature, five days before the legislative session began. Our \$4.6 billion budget, which includes pro-family initiatives, is part of a fiscal plan that builds on our commitment to responsible government growth, from an average of only four percent.

The plan is based on three principles: living within our means, reducing government spending and ramping up economic development. Our plan focuses on core services and constitutionally limited responsibilities.

I announced a \$7.1 billion savings plan on Dec. 5. The savings proposal is a key element of our fiscal plan. As a result, Alaska will be able to meet its funding schools, public safety and other needs without relying on federal largesse that we're so used to. We will continue to meet our responsibilities at the same level that Alaskans expect.

We are extremely blessed with a \$4.6 billion budget. This gives us the opportunity to save for near term spending while creating an unprecedented opportunity to save for long-term needs and for generations to come.

Governor to Present State of the State

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Address<http://www.gov.state.ak.us/govbudget.php>

Governor Palin will present her 2008 State of the State address to the citizens of Alaska at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15 before a joint session of the Alaska Legislature in the House Chamber in the Capitol. The Legislature will hold its regular 2008 session Jan. 15-Apr. 13.

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Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Q: Commissioner, please describe your personal background?

I first came to Alaska in 1959. My father worked for Green Construction Company. My summers as a young person were spent around Alaska on construction projects from Ketchikan to Kotzebue and just about every town or village on the Alaska State Highway System. I am a third generation construction worker. After graduating from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks I went to work on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. I spent 16 years in the field on projects all over the state and I spent another 16 years working for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as coordinator and administrator.

Q: What do you do for fun on your spare time?

I like to hunt, trap and fish, snow machine, race boats and mine for gold. I love to spend quality time with my wife, daughters and granddaughters, and my dog Raven.

Q: What is your favorite movie and why?

Patton. I am very patriotic. Patton thought outside the box and didn't lead from the rear. My uncle served with Patton's 3rd Army and was also an honor guard at his funeral. Patton could motivate people. Makes you proud to be an American.

Q: What was your least favorite job and/or experience?

Cutting open asphalt drums with a chisel, one barrel at a time. Years ago asphalt was shipped to the bush in 55 gallon drums and you had to manually remove the top of the drum. When you use up to 8,000 gallons a day, that's a lot of drums – boring.

Q: How have you worked with the Alaska labor community?

I worked for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as the statewide coordinator and administrator for 16 years promoting and expanding apprenticeship opportunities. I also worked on bringing other training programs together in sharing resources and training together as a team where applicable. Some of the trainings that occurred were ball field, soccer field and parking lot grading and paving for non-profit organizations.

Q: What is your involvement with the Alaska Pipeline Training program?

Alaska Works Partnership provides a pipeline training course every fall to Alaskans wanting to work in the oil and gas construction industry. My previous involvement with the pipeline training was as the team leader for the program. My present involvement is knowledge transfer.

Q: After graduation, what opportunities become available for graduates?

In the past more than 90 percent of graduates of each class were placed on North Slope pipeline projects in the same training year.

Q: Why is this program important for the development of the Alaska workforce, especially with the Natural Gas Pipeline on the horizon?

It is our responsibility, everyone not just the state, this time around to step up to the plate and maximize the lessons learned from the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) construction, and implement those lessons to training the next generation of Alaskan pipeliners.

Q: What would you tell a student who is worried about the future of oil and gas development in Alaska with the declining fields and world focus on alternative energies?

I would tell a student today the same thing that I told our entry level class of operators in 1998. Alaska is the place to be for the next 25 years in the business of oil and gas, as well as highway construction and mineral development. I am the eternal optimist and never really had a bad day. Some are just better than others. Life is what you make of it.

Q: How does an interested party find additional information for enrollment?
Alaska Works Partnership, (907) 569-4711.



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Until next time,



Governor Sarah Palin

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:17 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Governor - I have updated calendar to reflect Wal-Mart Event for today:

Location: Wal-Mart Store ~ 8900 Old Seward Hwy. ~ ENTER Front of Store – South end by McDonald's

2:00 p.m. beginning of event. Wal-Mart will present check of \$25,000 (500 gift cards) to the Salvation Army. The Wal-Mart Manager is Marty Howard. Marty is celebrating 27 years with Wal-Mart. Major Doug Pollerud, Salvation Army Divisional Commander will be accepting the check for the Salvation Army.

They have chosen various families: Some work for the National Guard, one is a single mother of five, a child with cancer, etc.

They will present check @2:00 p.m. – hope to have gift cards in the families hands by 2:10/2:15 p.m. Shopping will then begin. If the Governor could help the families shop. I have stressed that since this was just asked of the Governor to be present during this time that she not expected to give a speech. They may want her to say "Thank you." I have also stressed that the Governor has other commitments and only has approx. 45 – 60 minutes for this event. They understand that when she needs to depart that is fine. Janice

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:18 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Hamel

Governor,

Chuck Hamel sent in a letter to you today via fax that was also sent to Chairman George Miller. The lengthy letter basically boils down to a complaint that the PSIO and State Fire Marshall did not do a through job investigating the August 6, 2007 fire at GC-1. He claims the investigation only supported BP's position and did not adequately review the severity of BP's failed preventive maintenance.

Chuck called this morning and talked to Sunny. I guess he is sick and can not use his email. I was going to send him a response today along the lines we discussed yesterday that I have been receiving his emails and briefing you accordingly. Sunny did pass that along and he was please with the amount of time she spent on the phone with him. He is also pleased with how responsive Katz has been.

I did receive an email from Benoit Faucon of the Dow Jones Newswires inquiring if we had a response to Chuck's letter. I was thinking I would call Tom Irwin and let him know that we need an update on the situation. I also thought that I would send a quick response to the reporter letting him know that we just received Chuck's fax today and that the Governor's office is looking into the issue but would not be prepared to make a statement today.

Does that sound OK with you?

Mike

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 11:48 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Wagoner

Governor,

I have traded phone messages with Sen. Tom Wagoner for weeks regarding Jeremiah Campbell on the Board of Fisheries. I finally had a chance to talk to him yesterday at the bill signing. He wanted to know what we concluded. Consistent with our last conversation, I told him that I did track down information from the Troopers. Their report indicated that Jeremiah fully complied with the investigation, admitted that he made a clerical error in signing the wrong paperwork. The troopers did not believe there was any intentional wrongdoing. I told him that given the elapsed time and the low severity of the offense, we were not going to hold a hearing to remove him. Going through a public hearing to unseat him this close to a Board meeting addressing Cook Inlet issues would certainly look politically motivated and seen as an attempt to influence the outcome of the next meeting. Obviously he was not happy but he knows there will be vacancies coming up and we can have the appropriate conversation about board balance within that context.

Mike

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:22 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: WalMart

Governor, I just sent an email with an update for this event. Jenni Ragland, PR Director for Salvation Army will meet you at the entrance @ 2:00 p.m. They will have a designated spot for you blocked off. I just spoke w/Jenni and stated that you had approx. 30 min. for this event only. Janice

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:18 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: WalMart

Is there someone I should hook up with at the 2pm Salvation Army thing at wal

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:58 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: RE: Ag

Governor - I spoke to them earlier and told them that it was unlikely that you would be able to attend. I have tried to call the office and no one is answering. I am under the impression that it is 7-8 miles from Palmer on the Old Glenn Highway. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 12:49 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

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----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 12:11:39 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

Old glenn can be accessed by going thru Palmer (like you were on your way to cemetary or Butte - I think the road is Arctic thru Palmer) or it can be accessed by taking the Old Glenn exit off the flats.

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From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>
To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Sent: 12/20/2007 12:02 PM
Subject: Re: Ag

Kris where's the old glenn turn off?

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Thu Dec 20 11:57:08 2007
Subject: RE: Ag

Governor - just spoke to them. Go out Old Glen - Go 7-8 miles and you will come to Yellow Blinking Lt. turn Right - continue approx. 3-4 miles and you will come to Spur Rd. - small sign probably covered in snow - there is a gate there. Let me know and I can call you to walk you through also. Janice

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 11:51 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Ag

I'm looking for this ag christmas party. So far no luck- any more info on location?

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 11:57 AM
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Importance: High

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To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: RE: Ag

I've been trying Franci on her cell phone now for awhile, but I'll keep trying and see if I can reach Ray Nix. Sorry for the confusion.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:02 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

There are two entrances to old glenn. Both far away from each other. Kris-if u have any of their cells pls provide to janice or call them to explain its my screw up, I didn't find it trying the thru-Palmer entrance. I'm late for Dimond, almost out of gas, so I'm headed away from Palmer now.

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To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: RE: Ag

I've been trying Franci on her cell phone now for awhile, but I'll keep trying and see if I can reach Ray Nix. Sorry for the confusion.

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Ag

There are two entrances to old glenn. Both far away from each other. Kris-if u have any of their cells pls provide to janice or call them to explain its my screw up, I didn't find it trying the thru-Palmer entrance. I'm late for Dimond, almost out of gas, so I'm headed away from Palmer now.

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:26 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Draft media advisory with edits

Governor,

Just wanted you to be aware of what we were doing Friday when UAA releases phase 1 of the Alaska Elections Security Project. I gave Kris P. and Mike T. a heads up yesterday on this. Shouldn't be any bombshells. We're being proactive about ensuring elections security. Last summer I asked the University to take an independent look at our elections technology and the processes/procedures employed. UAA completed its initial look and will provide a more in depth review in Phase II, across the next three months. My intent with the Division is to implement recommendations in time for 2008 elections.

What UAA found in this first phase was to them, "...in many ways re-assuring: Alaska's system has many features that improve security. Those include paper back ups for electronic counts, cross checking of vote counts in different locations, and a centralized system for state and federal elections throughout Alaska." (In other states, counties use their own patchwork of different procedures.)

A number of vulnerabilities have also been identified.... For example, the scanners and touch screens "sleep over" with election workers in remote locations because the machines are flown in ahead of time to Bush villages. The Division has procedures for multiple people to check the accuracy of the starting count (set to zero) before polling begins, paper copies of votes are kept, and other procedures maintained to ensure the integrity of the process, but the University will delve deeper into whether other layers of safeguards are needed. In Phase II, UAA will continue to examine the technology (scanners/touch screens) used and make recommendations for improving elections security.

Sean

8/27/2009

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:22 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: WalMart

Governor, I just sent an email with an update for this event. Jenni Ragland, PR Director for Salvation Army will meet you at the entrance @ 2:00 p.m. They will have a designated spot for you blocked off. I just spoke w/Jenni and stated that you had approx. 30 min. for this event only. Janice

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:18 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: WalMart

Is there someone I should hook up with at the 2pm Salvation Army thing at wal mart today?
Did they want me to park anywhere in a designated area?

Unknown

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:05 PM
To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: RADAR SCREEN: Bethel Police Dept. Crisis

Wow Rhonda. Very thorough. Just started reading. Have you contacted Walt? If you need his cell it is [redacted]
[redacted] Privileged or [redacted]

I doubt I can help much with the immediate need (if you see an opportunity otherwise please let me know. I'm good at rounding up volunteers! :-)), however would love to know how I can help with the longer term issue which sounds multi-faceted.

Call if you need.

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From: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Fri Dec 21 17:32:35 2007
Subject: RADAR SCREEN: Bethel Police Dept. Crisis

STAFFING SHORTAGE. Bethel Police staffing has reached crisis levels.

After a call from a concerned Bethel resident, I talked with the Alaska State Troopers and the acting Chief of the Bethel Police Department, Andre Achee (uh-shay).

CURRENT CRISIS. Normally, BPD is staffed at 14 patrol officers.

But as of Monday, BPD will be down to three police officers, who will be working 12 hours a day, seven days a week. The staff of three includes Acting Chief Achee, who says he's

proud of his co-workers. As the staffing dwindles, none have called in sick. But Achee wonders how long they can continue to work these marathon shifts without major burnout. The animal control officer has also been asked to help with police calls.

One of the three remaining officers is slated to leave in March, so the department could be down to two officers if no replacements are hired.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. BPD has turned to the Alaska State Troopers. Deputy Public Safety Commissioner John Glass says AST will continue its standing policy of providing assistance in emergencies and in life-threatening cases. AST has also been helping BPD investigate several recent homicides.

Lt. Jeffery Laughlin, who oversees AST recruitment, has been asked to refer qualified candidates to BPD. While this may help, most of these candidates did not have enough experience to be hired by the Troopers, so they may not meet Bethel's needs.

BPD has also requested manpower assistance from the Association of Village Council Presidents, which oversees the regional Village Public Safety Officer program. So far, no decisions have been made.

CAUSE OF CRISIS. This predicament didn't happen overnight. But the acting chief says, in his eighteen years on the Bethel police force, he's never seen staffing sink this low. Nationally, there's a law enforcement officer shortage, so it's extremely hard for a community like Bethel to compete. Its salaries are low, but the workload is high. Two officers recently took jobs in Fairbanks for more pay and less demanding duties. The former chief just took a job with the Wasilla Police Department. Since the chief's position is salaried, he will likely earn more as a Wasilla patrol officer - and won't have to deal with the high volume of calls that BPD experiences.

CONCERNS. New Year's, one of the busiest days of the year for Bethel Police, is around

the corner. Temperatures have ranged from 10-20 below. Twice this week, search efforts for inebriates wandering out on the tundra have monopolized BPD's skeleton crew. Bethel also had a plane crash. Now that the Kuskokwim River has frozen, police also expect more traffic on the Ice Road - and this usually means more headaches for the department.

OTHER OPTIONS. The acting chief says BPD is considering asking the Governor's Office to provide manpower via the Department of Military Affairs, until enough officers can be hired. One worry: most of the applicants are inexperienced and will require six months of Police Academy training, so it may be six to nine months before more officers are on the ground. BPD is also looking to fill gaps with retired officers, hired on a contract basis.

LACK OF CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT. BPD has had a tough time getting its City Council behind it. Alcohol has historically been a divisive issue. State Troopers in Bethel tell us the staffing problem is chronic, but agree it's never been this bad - and AST's heavy workload will likely increase with BPD's requests for assistance. A few years ago, AST Sgt. Perry Barr, lead the push for an alcohol distribution center, to help control the supply of illegal alcohol. But this effort tanked. Barr believes it might have made a difference.

BETHEL & ALCOHOL. Bethel is classified as a "damp" community. Alcohol can be imported, but not sold. Even so, Sgt. Barr says Bethel's alcohol consumption is very high. City collects taxes on alcohol bought outside Bethel. It puts the value of alcohol headed for Bethel at 1.5 million a year.

SHORT TERM ACTION. I recommend that the Governor call Chief Achee and thank him and his staff for remaining on the job under such difficult conditions. Certainly, under their current workload, they will not be able to enjoy their holidays. Sgt. Barr says some good could come out of this crisis. The community is putting pressure on the council and the city administration to give BPD the support it needs to keep the town safe. Chief Andre Achee: 543-3781

LONG TERM SOLUTIONS. This is yet another example of how Rural Alaska's alcohol epidemic costs everyone. No previous administration has truly taken this on as a cause. Alcohol is the elephant in the room. It's an unpopular issue, but it begs for a comprehensive approach, with a quid pro quo component - to encourage communities to do the right thing.

Governor Palin's trip to New Stuyahok signaled that this governor has a desire to offer meaningful solutions. As I grow into this job, I will continue to explore the possibilities and look for ways for the Governor to inspire communities to seek change. We need to find ways to offer the right kinds of carrots to encourage communities to actively seek wellness.

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Subject: Re: test Press Release: State requests more AGIA information

Thank you

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 16:55:41

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: test Press Release: State requests more AGIA information

Governor:

A final draft of the release about the AGIA progress.

Joe and Marty have both looked it over.

Beth

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To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Fw: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Head's up:

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 23:58:44

To: "Talis Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

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To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Event

Excellent!

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Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 14:34:23

To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Press Event

Governor, Kris,

This press event is the Cook Inlet LNG settlement announcement. CP, Marathon and Enstar all wanted to bring people up to Alaska for the roll-out and that was difficult to accomplish by January 2nd, so they asked for the one extra day.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Sent: Fri Dec 21 14:28:41 2007

Subject: Press Event

Governor,

Marty just called and there was a conflict with doing the press event on January 2nd as she discussed with you. So we've tentatively scheduled for noon on the 3rd. Please let me know if there are any problems with that date. I'll let Janice know.

Thanks,

Kris

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:54 AM
To: John Katz
Cc: Michael Tibbles
Subject: Re: Hamel's Response

What a grump he is.

All the more reason to applaud you for your patience with him. Too bad he can see that we're all on the same team.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 15:00:22
To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>
Subject: Hamel's Response

I don't want to protract our current dialogue with Mr. Hamel, but I = feel obligated to forward his personal response to you (attached). I = haven't given him your email address.

Below, is my recent advice to DNR and the Alaska Fire Marshall about = how to handle the current situation:

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The responses I have received seem to confirm this approach. =

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is
<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:14 AM
To: Stephens; Karla M (CED)
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Karla Step

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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Fw: US Supreme Court/2nd Amendment Case

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 07:49:03

To: "Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>, "Tillery, Craig J (LAW)" <craig.tillery@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Persily, Larry A (GOV)" <lapersily@alaskadc.org>

Subject: RE: US Supreme Court/2nd Amendment Case

Dear Mr. Katz,

Thank-you for the message. There are a couple of items in Mr. Carberry's message that are wrong and should be clarified.

Yes, we plan to be involved in an Amicus brief in this case. We are not writing the brief. The State of Texas is preparing the Amicus Brief and we will be joining their brief. Just yesterday Mr. Tillary confirmed to me that Texas is preparing a place for us to sign the brief in support of 2nd Amendment rights.

If Mr. Carberry was told that we were preparing an independent brief then that should be corrected. An independent brief would be redundant and therefore discouraged by the Supreme Court and it would be a significant added expense as opposed to the joint brief with Texas. As I understand it, the brief is not yet done, so we cannot convey a copy at this time to Mr. Carberry.

In answer to your question, as it is not a separate brief it would probably not lend itself to a delegation sign on.

If you have questions please call.

I am cc'ing the Governor so that she can remind staff in her office that we are joining the Texas Amicus brief and not preparing a separate independent brief.

Thank-you Talis

From: John Katz [mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 4:43 AM
To: Tillery, Craig J (LAW)
Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Persily, Larry A (GOV)
Subject: US Supreme Court/2nd Amendment Case

Per the letter below, are we filing an amicus brief or are we joining others? If we're doing this on our own, do we want to ask the Congressional delegation if they're interested? Thanks.

A personal call

I would like to make note of the great "citizen service" I recently received from Gov. Sarah Palin's office. On Friday of last week I sent an e-mail through the Governor's Web site asking if the Alaska Attorney General had been instructed to file an Amicus Brief with the Supreme Court in the case of Heller v. DC, potentially one of the most interesting constitutional questions to come down the pike in a long time.

To my surprise, I received not a form letter, not a return e-mail, but instead a personal call on Sunday from a staffer (whose name I dearly wish I had written down). He informed me the governor's office was also following the case and that the attorney general was finishing up the brief in support of Heller as we spoke. He will be sending me a copy when it is filed.

That's responsive government right there. Kudos to Gov. Palin and her staff.

In that vein, thanks to our U.S. senators for joining 45 other senators from both sides of the aisle in signing a letter to the Dept. of Interior asking them to address the current hodgepodge of rules involving the carriage of firearms for safety (not changing the rules on hunting or shooting) in national parks and wildlife refuges. Given that in Alaska it is hardly possible to walk a mile without going into and out of various state and federal land designations with contradictory policies, streamlining the policies to simply mirror each individual state's rules (as BLM does) just makes sense.

Thank you, senators. Good for them.

Matthew Carberry

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:30 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Nancy Herni

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:38 AM
To: maryjane@gci.net
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:33 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mary Jane Sut

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:47 AM
To: Nixon; Nick J (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:27 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Nick J Nixon

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:37 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: December News Notes from UAS Sitka

-----Original Message-----

From: Bonnie Elsensohn [mailto:Bonnie.Elsensohn@uas.alaska.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:22 PM
Subject: December News Notes from UAS Sitka

This is the last of the News Notes for this year. We wish you the best over the holiday season.

bonnie

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Bonnie Elsensohn
Media Specialist
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Sitka AK 99835
Phone: 907-747-7767
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:36 AM
To: Ullrich; Judy (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Judith Ul

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:33 AM
To: jimmclarin@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:16 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Jim McClarlin
address: 90 Dublin Ave. Nashua NH 03063
603-765-8222

MESSAGE:

I thought you might be interested to know that your name surfaced in a discussion of possible vice-presidential picks for Ron Paul should he prevail in the primaries.

The online discussion was among Dr. Paul's supporters, not involving anyone representing his campaign.

jimmclarin@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:33 AM
To: Ramos; Jane (DOR)
Subject: RE: Thank you

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From: Ramos, Jane (DOR)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:18 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Thank you

Hi Governor:

I know you're a very busy person. I just want to take a moment to than

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To: garciaj88@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:25 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jackie Ga

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:32 AM
To: ddoyle.ak@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Elections

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. David Doyle
address: 3356 Park Place Juneau AK 99801

MESSAGE:

I think Sarah Palin should endorse Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul for president and possibly even investigate a spot as Vice President. I think Sarah would be a perfect match for Dr. Paul!

Thanks for listening from Juneau,

David Doyle

ddoyle.ak@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:32 AM
To: culture@kawerak.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:57 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Kaci Fullwood
address: PO Box 948 Nome AK 99762
907.443.4340

MESSAGE:

Dear Smart Beringian Governor,

Thank you for your suggestions, ideas, comments and amazingly insightful contributions offered with generosity, in the development of the Beringia Museum!

The Strategic Mapping meeting was, as Matt Ganley stated, another important & dynamic step in the successful planning process of making our museum a reality. We couldn't do it without your partnership and support! Thank you!

I will be taking some time off for the Holiday Season, and will return to work on January 14, 2008. If an urgent issue arises which needs my immediate attention, please contact me on my cell phone, listed below. We are entering a critical stage of planning and fundraising, and I don't want to miss any opportunities, if I can help it.

As you attend holiday gatherings, and are visiting with those who may have connections to

funding sources, please remember to promote the importance and urgency of this new Beringia Museum initiative! Your help is so appreciated by the Elders of the Bering Strait!

Finally, I hope this Holiday season finds you in the company of good friends, faithful family members, and delicious food & drink. May your evenings be warmed by the heat of a well stoked wood fire, the laughter of children and the contentment that comes from knowing you are appreciated and respected.

Merry Christmas, Sarah!

And Peace unto you.

-Kaci

Kaci Fullwood, Project Director
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:13 AM
To: cmwalker6@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 5:32 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Connie Walker
address: P.O. Box 208 Holy Cross AK 99602
907-476-7163

MESSAGE:

Merry Christmas Governor Palin! I love your Christmas card you sent out of you and your beautiful family. I work as the Clerk for the City of Holy Cross and thats where I saw it. I post all our cards on the bulletin in the City Hall so thats where yours is. Its beautiful and I just wanted to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a most blessed and prosperous 2008 for you and your family.

Much prayers,

Connie Walker
Holy Cross, AK

cmwalker6@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:06 AM
To: Laddie and Linda
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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From: Laddie and Linda [mailto:landlshaw@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:55 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Hello again,

I am just following up on my request to give honor to a disabled veteran for an act of kindness and generosity to fellow veterans by having Governor Palin send him a letter of appreciation and thanks for his efforts on behalf of other veterans. Also thanks to the Governor for her appearance and grand home coming welcome to the 4th of the 25 Infantry Brigade at the Sullivan Arena on Wednesday, it was quite meaningful.

Thanks

Laddie Shaw

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [mailto:governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 2:13 PM
To: landlshaw@gci.net
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:37 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Laddie Shaw
address: 2029 Meander Dr Anchorage AK 99516
317-2505

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I want to thank you for your ongoing support for our veterans and active military. This past Veterans Day 25 Alaskan veterans from the Vietnam War celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, or as we refer to it "The Wall." I forward to you a Compass piece I wrote for the Anchorage Daily News (but not published) honoring a veteran with a mission to honor other veterans, Bob Moore. You undoubtedly know Bob, because I understand his kids provided occasional "baby sitting" services for one or more of your kids.

In addition to my thanks for your respect and honor of our veterans and for a job well done as Governor (above and beyond the call of duty) I would like to respectfully request a letter from you to Bob Moore for his service and sacrifice as a veteran and for his efforts on behalf of other veterans. As I note in my proposed Compass piece, one 'ol soldier made a difference by "continuing to serve" with his mission of the Trail Riders.

Also as a side note, I must highlight on the wonderful story about your folks in Sundays paper. Chuck and Sally are "old" friends and truly marvelous people.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Bobs address is:

Bob Moore

PO Box 873471

Wasilla, AK 99687

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Armistice Day is now celebrated as Veterans Day, a day to remind us of sacrifice and service to country, a time for reflection, and a time to openly honor our veterans. Veterans Day is a time to pay our respect to all veterans for their sacrifices and for protecting the freedom we so cherish in America. This year, as an added honor we pay our respects to over 9 million men and women who served during the Vietnam era by celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial or more commonly referred to as "The Wall."

The idea to have Alaskan veterans represented in the Anniversary celebration was the idea of one "ol' soldier" and present day Alaskan cowboy, Bob Moore. Bob is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who served three tours of duty in Vietnam, both as an infantry soldier and combat Helicopter pilot and is the "Trail Boss" for the Alaska Trail Riders of Alaska. The Alaska Trail Riders is an organization that was formed to provide therapeutic trail rides for disabled veterans and children. Bob was going to take a "trail ride" as he put it, to recognize the anniversary, but his trail ride became a mission, a mission for healing

and to honor the sacrifices of his fellow veterans. The irony in Bob's endeavor to honor his fellow veterans, is that he is a disabled veteran himself.

Bob developed a fund raising strategy to support the Trail Riders efforts to bring 25 Alaskan veterans to the anniversary celebration and that strategy involved riding his horse 400 miles across Alaska. Riding with memories and a mission Bob Moore rode out of Wasilla at sunrise with the hope of a positive fund raising campaign and "rounding up" a group of veterans to attend the anniversary of the "Wall." His ride brought together veterans for the cause, in turn a committee was formed and the mission was in place. By the time he had ridden from Wasilla to Cantwell and Paxton the Trail Riders had nearly \$40,000 in pledges from major oil companies, native corporations, local business and service organizations to support the 25 vets traveling to Washington DC for the Anniversary Parade.

Alaska Airlines, a huge supporter, has designated the flight carrying the delegation to DC on November 8th "The Alaska Freedom Bird," commemorating the Freedom Bird designation of the homecoming flights from Vietnam. We expect more than 50,000 veterans and family members to join the Alaska delegation for this historic event.

The wall is the touchstone of a generation, a sacred place for Vietnam veterans, our emotional "welcome home." Over 58,000 names are etched in simple black granite as a reminder of the cost of freedom and the sacrifice of a generation.

One "ol' soldier" took on a cause and made a difference. He had memories, haunting memories, and he had a mission and that mission was the foundation of the Vietnam Veterans of America "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

A new generation is presently continuing the fight for liberty, freedom and the American way. Please take the time to welcome home a service member and honor a vet. Don't let this generation of soldiers be forgotten for their sacrifices.

LandLShaw@gci.net

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:48 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Vogue

Lawren, from Vogue, wrote a real nice note of thanks... but also apologized if the shoot was such a negative experience as they read about in the press. :(She said "they" were shocked to read the negative coverage of the experience. I jotted her a quick note back saying it was awesome and a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but if you could call her/them and reiterate that it was an honor to get to participate in this, maybe that could un-do some damage. Thanks!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:46 AM
To: homefree25@msn.com
Subject: RE: Seniors

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Seniors

Web mail from: Ms. Deborah

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From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TEIRWIN]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:25 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Katz; John W (GOV); Tyler; David L (DPS); Slemmons; Jonne D (DNR)
Cc: Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Chuck Hamel/Wall Street Journal

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Privileged or Personal Material Redacted PSIO continues to spend a high amount of time with Mr. Hamel and we can't seem to satisfy him. Even this week Mr. Hamel asked for some rush information to be faxed to him. Jonne immediately sent it and included 3 attachments to the document. He hollered at her on the phone for intentionally clogging his fax machine with too much info. **Privileged or Personal Material Redacted** Tom

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Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 08:37:51

To: "David L (DPS) Tyler" <david.tyler@alaska.gov>, "Jonne Slemmons" <jonne_slemmons@dnr.state.ak.us>
Cc: "Bruce Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Joseph Balash" <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Company Web site: www.bp.com

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 5:31 AM
To: ED_Review@LISTSERV.ED.GOV
Subject: [ED_Review] ED Review (12/21/07)

ED REVIEW

December 21, 2007 (Happy Holidays!)

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GROWTH MODEL EXPANSION

In a December 7 letter to Chief State School Officers (<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/071207.html>), Secretary Spellings offered states an opportunity to submit proposals that incorporate growth models into their current accountability system. Such models allow states to receive credit for improving individual students' performance over time but retain the *No Child Left Behind* principles of annual assessment, disaggregation of data, and grade-level proficiency for all students by 2014. To date, nine states have been approved to implement their models under a pilot program established in November 2005. However, the pilot was capped at 10 states. Now, based on the promising results of the pilot, the Secretary is opening eligibility to all qualified states. "As I have consistently stated during our reauthorization discussions, I believe that growth models promote two important goals," she noted. "First, growth models allow states another effective way of measuring Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).... Second, these models continue to expand the flexibility available to states under *No Child Left Behind*." The approval process will be similar to the process the agency used for the past two years. Proposals are due by February 1. Department officials will conduct an initial review of each proposal to make sure the growth model meets seven core principles and the state is making progress in specific areas. If the agency has any questions about a state's proposal, it will contact the state by February 15 and ask the state to respond by March 14. Then, those proposals determined to have met requirements will be forwarded to a team of peer reviewers, who will meet during the week of April 14-18. The Secretary anticipates reaching a final decision by mid-May. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/growthmodel/>. (Interested states are encouraged to review the Department's peer review guidance for the pilot, previous state proposals, and a document on cross-cutting issues identified by peer reviewers, all of which can be found on the web site.)

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Among the core principles for growth models is the ability to "track student progress as part of the state's data system." Yet, according to a recent survey by the Data Quality Campaign, only 34 states collect all of the data they need to produce reports for growth models. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.dataqualitycampaign.org/survey_results/.

Concerning data, consider these new reports:

- "Innovations in Education: Connecting Students to Advanced Courses Online" (<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/academic/advanced/>), a guide for administrators who are working to provide students with greater access to online advanced coursework.
- "An Evaluation of the Participation of Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs and as Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers" (<http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/other/faith-based/faith-based-exec-sum.html>). Indeed, the number of faith-based SES providers increased twenty-fold (from 11 to 261) between December 2002 and March 2005.
- "The Interagency Committee on Disability Research 2004-06 Report to the President and Congress" (<http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/icdr/>), which details the interagency committee's scientific meetings and highlights those projects that support the New Freedom Initiative (NFI).

HOLIDAY BOOK DONATION

Last week, Deputy Secretary Ray Simon announced the donation of some 400,000 new books as part of the agency's 2007 Holiday Book Donation. The effort, a joint venture including the Department, the non-profit entity First Book, and Random House Children's Books, is designed to provide brand-new, age-appropriate children's books to schools, libraries, and literacy organizations serving low-income youth throughout the country. This donation is the latest in the agency's multi-year book donation campaign, which began last year with the distribution of books to communities affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since June 2006, the Department, First Book, and various major book publishers have collaborated to distribute more than two million children's books. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/initis/ed/bookcampaign/>.

TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION

On December 18, Secretary Spellings addressed a regular meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), the appointed body that advises the Secretary on matters related to accreditation and to the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education. She used the forum to underscore the importance of transparency across higher education and to stress the need to supply valuable information about colleges and universities so students and parents can make informed decisions. "By law, student learning is a core part of accreditation," she explained. "Unfortunately, students are often the least informed and the last to be considered. Accreditation remains one of the least publicized, least transparent parts of higher education, even compared to our Byzantine and bewildering financial aid system. Most students don't know that different types of accreditation exist until they encounter hurdles. Every year, millions repeat coursework because their credentials don't transfer." In calling for changes, the Secretary emphasized she would never work to undermine the diversity or excellence of America's system of higher education. "Every institution has its own unique strengths and attributes," she said. "But, on behalf of consumers -- be they students, families, or institutions -- we have the right and

the responsibility to ask for more and better information." (In the fall, to assist this process, the Department awarded a \$2.45 million grant to help institutions measure student achievement) "If we do our jobs well, students will be able to base their actions on a more full understanding of their options," she concluded. "Policymakers will be better able to assure taxpayers that institutions receiving their support are reputable and effective. Governors and state legislators will be better able to direct their resources. Employers will be better able to see that graduates are prepared to do their jobs. And, university leaders will be better able to refine and improve their offerings." FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/12/12182007.html>.

MONITORING THE FUTURE

The annual Monitoring the Future survey of U.S. secondary students, conducted since 1975, finds alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use by American teenagers continues to fall overall. In fact, since 2001, use of alcohol (including binge drinking) and cigarette smoking have decreased by 15% and 33%, respectively, while use of any illicit drug has dropped by 24%. Moreover, use of marijuana, still the most widely used illicit drug, dropped by 25%. On the other hand, prescription drug abuse remains a serious issue (use of Oxycontin increased by 30% from 2002 to 2007), and attitudes toward ecstasy use have softened (eighth-graders show a sharp erosion in perceived risk and disapproval). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.monitoringthefuture.org/>. (The Office of National Drug Control Policy's survey fact sheet is available at http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/news/youthdrug_declines.html.)

Also: The Department's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) is soliciting applications under several grant programs: Elementary and Secondary School Counseling (eligible: school districts; deadline: January 28), Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems (eligible: states, districts, and Indian tribes; deadline: January 30), AND School-Based Student Drug-Testing (eligible: districts; deadline: March 21). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/news.html>.

PROJECTIONS TO 2016

Anxious to look ahead? The National Center for Education Statistics' "Projections of Education Statistics to 2016" projects key statistics, including student enrollment, graduates, teachers, and expenditures for elementary and secondary schools and degree-granting institutions. For example, K-12 enrollment rose 16% between 1991 and 2004 and is projected to increase an additional 9% between 2004 and 2016. Also, college enrollment rose 22% between 1991 and 2005 and is projected to increase an additional 17% by 2016. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/projections/projections2016/>.

BARNEY CAM VI

Earlier this month, the White House unveiled "Holiday in the National Parks," the sixth installment of "Barney Cam," which features the President and First Lady's Scottish terriers touring the White House to give viewers a dog's eye view of the holiday decorations. This year, Barney learns that the White House is a national park and seeks to become a Junior Park Ranger. Therefore, he meets with both Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and Director of the National Park Service Mary Bomar, who advise him to "come up with a big idea" to spotlight the parks. Meanwhile, Barney and Miss Beazley supervise the

decorating of the White House. Alas, that task proves too overwhelming to brainstorm park ideas, although Barney does have a daydream where he is named a Junior Park Ranger and congratulated by country singer Alan Jackson ("OK, Barney, now you've gone country!") and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair ("As someone born in Scotland, it's always good to see the Scots doing well!"). The video has cameos by President Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, and Barbara and Jenna Bush. Don't miss the amazing soundtrack by the U.S. Marine Band! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.whitehouse.gov/holiday/>.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"If you ever doubt the need or appetite for your mission [accrediting colleges and universities], consider the *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings. It's been called the 'swimsuit edition' of postsecondary reporting. Within 72 hours of its release, the *U.S. News* web site was viewed 10 million times.... As I said before, families know that selecting and paying for college is one of the most important decisions they will ever make. They need and deserve the best information to guide them. They should be able to get it from the people who make our higher education system the envy of the world."

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings (12/18/07), addressing current members of NACIQI

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Department's next "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast, celebrating the sixth anniversary of the *No Child Left Behind Act*, is scheduled for January 15. It will showcase *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon Schools, with video stories of their classrooms and conversations with award-winning principals and education experts. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/edtv/>.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest award a K-12 math or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the U.S. Awards alternate between elementary (2008) and secondary (2009) teachers. The President names up to 108 teachers annually. Awards are given to teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the outlying territories, and Department of Defense schools. The deadline for online nominations is March 1. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.paemst.org/>.

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Dear Friends

Thank goodness for Governor Palin and Commissioner Irwin because they have been paying attention to how the old "CBC" Alaska oil and gas Laws written by those that seem to want cause Alaskans to pay higher natural gas prices!! These old oil and gas laws keeps Aroura out of the oil and gas drilling, producing, transporting and selling business competition. How can the North slope Gas Pipeline be built if the Laws have been written to keep Alaskans and small competitors at bay so most the State's oil and Gas wealth is exported and Gas consumers in South Central Alaskan appear to be harmed by higher gas prices.

This will all changed this Legislative Session and the whole oil and gas industry will be improved so Alaskans and small exploration and production oil and gas companies can compete fairly for these controled gas markets if Governor Palin gets the support she needs to reduces gas prices and increase production so Alaskans can compete fairly and sell gas cheaper and profit by doing so.

Just look at the facts, Aroura saved Alaskans millions of dollars. The oil and gas laws needs a complete face lift so Alaskans can drill and produce not just the majors. God Bless Governor Palin and her staff.

Merry Christmas and give Alaska back to Alaskans at long last!!

God Bless Alaska both the leaders that care about the fine people of Alaska.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Congress adjourned on Wednesday, Dec. 19 for the holidays. The House will reconvene on Jan. 15 and the Senate will reconvene on Jan. 22.

ISSUE BRIEFING

The American Dream has been a story of progressive policy establishing conditions in which individuals have been able to seize opportunities and make a better life for themselves, their children, their families, and their communities. It can be so again. The United States faces unprecedented challenges. Yet at the Center for American Progress, we are optimistic about America's economic future. We are confident that the ladder of economic mobility can be rebuilt with the right leadership and progressive policy.

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[Mayors, Looking to Cities' Future, Are Told It Must Be Colored Green](#)

United States Conference of Mayors convenes a two day "Climate Protection Summit" to discuss the possibilities of using green technologies to improve their cities and decrease their impact on

<u>States Promote Progressive Growth</u> By building on the foundations already laid by progressives, several states are taking action to promote progressive growth and transform their economies, including California, Massachusetts, Oregon, New Jersey, Washington, and Indiana. These cases point to direct actions by states to promote progressive growth strategies that help build their economies and produce tangible benefits for their citizens.	<u>David Madland Discusses Rebuilding Economic Mobility</u> Katy Thompson interviews David Madland, Director of the Work/Life Program at the Center for American Progress, about the growth of the nation going forward.	global climate change. From the <i>New York Times</i> <u>Longer School Day to be Studied</u> Andover school district in Massachusetts was awarded one of 28 grants to be a part of the "Expanded Learning Time" experiment. They will add approximately 300 hours to the school year to see if the additional time in school will have a measurable effect on the education of the students. From the <i>Boston Globe</i>
ISSUE BRIEFING The American Dream has been a story of progressive policy establishing conditions in which individuals have been able to seize opportunities and make a better life for themselves, their children, their families, and their communities. It can be so again. The United States faces unprecedented challenges. Yet at the Center for American Progress, we are optimistic about America's economic future. We are confident that the ladder of economic mobility can be rebuilt with the right leadership and progressive policy. Today, working Americans feel less and less secure, and their prospects for economic mobility seem more and more remote. People are working longer hours than ever before, change jobs more frequently, and have more volatile incomes. Forty-seven million live without health insurance. Few are represented by a union. Many face tough competition from lower-wage workers abroad. The land of the American Dream now has less inter-generational income mobility than many other developed countries. Family incomes have risen on average within generations only		

because the incomes of women have risen as their participation in the workforce has grown dramatically; incomes of men have stagnated. The additional income from the second earner is essential to cover the rising cost of healthcare, energy, and childcare, among other things.

Each of the traditional pathways to progress is littered with roadblocks. Incomes are not rising; the historical link between greater productivity and higher wages has broken down. Personal savings in the United States is near record lows. From pre-school through high school, we are failing to prepare many for college and the workplace. Those who begin degree or credential programs to improve earnings complete them at alarmingly low rates. Until recently, homeownership was a pathway to wealth accumulation, but many now see their equity slipping away. American workers feel less secure with good reason. Their prospects for getting ahead are more limited. Working hard and playing by the rules is not enough.

In recent years, economic growth has been relatively strong, but the economy has added jobs at a lackluster rate compared to similar times in the economic cycle. The share of the nation's income that goes to those in the middle is lower than it has been in 50 years. The benefits of economic growth have all flown to those at the very top.

The prospects for long-term growth are also weak. Our economy is increasingly reliant on unsustainable, debt-driven spending (by consumers and the federal government), instead of innovation and investment. Between March 2001 and March 2007, 84 percent of economic growth came from consumption spending, while less than 4 percent came from investment. The United States has fallen behind many countries when it comes to equipping the workforce with the education and training necessary for individual and national success, doing a mediocre job especially of preparing our children for careers in the innovation economy. Younger cohorts moving into the work-force in coming years will be smaller and have less education than the older generations leaving the workforce.

to nearly all residents, giving Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his Democratic allies their first victory in a risky yearlong campaign to overhaul California's healthcare system. From the *LA Times*

Globalization and technology have changed the rules of the game..

Unsustainable appreciation in the housing market buoyed the economy for too long. And we face a clear and present danger to our economy and the earth itself from global warming. As Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, said recently, "If there's no action before 2012, that's too late. What we do in the next two to three years will determine our future. This is the defining moment." America needs policymakers with a plan for restoring U.S. economic leadership in a global and carbon-constrained economy, making it possible, once again, to dream that our children can look forward to a better future.

The next administration can offer a new vision of America as an economic leader with a growing middle class in a vibrant global economy. America's economy could be driven by ongoing invention and the production of high value-added goods and services. America could lead a global energy transformation based on more efficient technologies and clean, renewable fuels. These forces could fuel the creation of good jobs and good prospects for workers at all skill levels. America's students and workers could be readied to meet the demands of the innovation economy. Moreover, we could ensure the economic security necessary, so that people can take risks and generate wealth for themselves and our country. America could put globalization and change to work for American workers and for millions around the globe.

At the center of this vision is a strategy to address the greatest moral and economic challenge of our time-climate change-and turn it into our greatest opportunity. Left unchecked, the economic disruption caused by climate change will sap our resources and dampen our growth. But with low-carbon technologies and clean, renewable energy, we can capture a new global market, drive American economic growth, and create green jobs for American workers, offering new skills and new earnings opportunities up and down the economic ladder.

CAP's economic blueprint for a new administration would also leverage

our creativity, entrepreneurial culture, and a restored leadership in science and technology to create an innovation economy and spur economic growth. It would seek to enhance economic security and mobility for American workers by creating the conditions in which they could protect and improve their own health, education, incomes, and wealth. It would refocus our international economic policy on promoting decent work and higher living standards around the globe, helping to generate additional demand for American products and services, restoring American leadership, and ensuring that the rising tide produced by economic integration lifts all boats. Finally, CAP's plan offers a responsible pro-growth fiscal policy that would value work and fairness and support necessary investments in our economic future while setting us on a course to reduce the debt as a share of GDP and ready ourselves for the additional demands of the aging baby boom generation.

Restoring economic mobility for Americans, sustaining economic growth in a global economy, and combating global warming are great challenges, but America is up to the task. From sweatshops to segregation to the space race, the progressive commitment to fairness, human dignity, and what FDR called "bold, persistent experimentation" has driven our country to overcome obstacles as great as those we face today.

Key Steps to Progressive Growth include:

Accelerate America's transformation to a low-carbon economy.

- Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gases.
- Dedicate cap-and-trade revenues to, first, offset energy costs for low- and moderate-income consumers and support the employees and communities of carbon-intensive firms, and second, invest in innovation and the transformation to a low-carbon economy.
- Implement complementary policies to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency in the transportation and electricity

sectors.

- Create a White House National Energy Council to manage the transformation and ensure that the federal government leads the way.
- Exercise global leadership.

Spur innovation to sustain productivity growth and job creation.

- Make significant new investments to stimulate innovation to address our nation's grand challenges and emerging opportunities.
- Build a flexible, problem-solving workforce that includes more workers with world-class science, technology, engineering, and math skills.
- Restore the integrity of American science.

Rebuild the ladder of opportunity by restoring economic security and mobility.

- Guarantee quality, affordable health care regardless of employment or life circumstance.
- Expand access to effective education for our children and adult workers to ready the workforce for 21st century jobs in the global innovation economy.
- Make work pay and incomes keep pace with growth through the minimum wage, expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, the right to organize, and reforms to unemployment insurance and adjustment assistance.
- Provide greater opportunities to build and secure wealth through work, retirement savings, affordable and safe financial services, and home ownership.

Create a virtuous circle of rising economic fortunes for a growing global middle class—future consumers of U.S. products and services.

- Refocus the three main elements of our international economic

policy-trade, aid, and monetary policy-on achieving progressive growth around the globe.

- Enlist all the international institutions—the International Labor Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, and regional multilateral development banks—in a coordinated strategy to promote decent work: quality jobs, fundamental rights at work, social protection, and social dialogue.
- Support construction of the laws and institutions that will enable middle-income nations to share new growth widely within their populations.
- Support low-income nations in meeting basic human needs, advancing decent work, moving more workers into the formal economy, eliminating trade barriers to their exports, and supporting the creation of trade-related infrastructure.

Adopt a responsible fiscal policy to finance needed investments in national priorities.

- Make needed investments in economic growth and restoring economic mobility.
- Dedicate cap-and-trade revenues to ease the transition to a low-carbon economy and invest in policies to spur innovation and the energy transformation.
- Adopt a tax system that is fair and rewards human capital by:
 - Rewarding work and wealth equally.
 - Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit to help make work pay for low-income workers.
 - Providing tax breaks to employers and employees to encourage more investment in credentialed and portable education of adult workers.
 - Improving retirement security through matching contributions for lower-wage workers in a new Universal 401(k) plan.
 - Lifting the cap on which the employer pays social security

taxes while maintaining the employee cap.

- Permanently reforming the estate tax so that only a tiny fraction of the wealthiest heirs would be subject.
- Closing loopholes and improving tax enforcement.
- Put America on course to reduce our debt as a share of our Gross Domestic Product.

BEST PRACTICES

Building on the foundations already laid by progressives, several states are taking action to promote progressive growth and transform their economies. California's state legislature has set high standards for low-carbon fuels. Massachusetts has adopted a universal health insurance program. Oregon has put in place strong unemployment laws. New Jersey has encouraged opportunity at all levels by continuing its support of universal preschool, beginning with children in low-income school districts. Washington, a pioneer in minimum wage legislation since 1998, mandates the highest indexed minimum wage in the United States. And Indiana has launched a new effort to support lifelong learning for its nontraditional students. These cases highlight direct actions by states to promote progressive growth strategies that help build their economies and produce tangible benefits for their citizens. Here's a snapshot of each case in point:

Clean Energy

In January 2007, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order that established a revolutionary Low Carbon Fuel Standard. By 2020, this order will spur a 10 percent reduction in the carbon intensity of passenger vehicle fuels sold in California and help the state meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate set by California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Left unchanged, the nation's current dependence on petroleum-based fuels would continue to contribute to climate change, rising levels of greenhouse gases, and a foreign oil-reliant national economy. The Low Carbon Fuel Standard will mandate specific reductions in the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions of

transportation fuels sold in the state—at first, a 10 percent reduction in lifecycle emissions of passenger vehicle fuels by 2020. This standard is the first of its kind anywhere in the United States. As the world's 12th-largest source of carbon emissions, California stands to make a large impact with its new standards.

Since the policy's unveiling, scientists and scholars at several California universities, including the University of California, Berkeley, have worked to translate this bold proposal into a concrete action plan. In August 2007, these scholars released the final elements of their report. Their plan calls for a phased emission reduction, a greater variety of available fuels, and a universal standard applied to all vehicles and fuels.

The Low Carbon Fuel Standard is one of many innovative policy actions that California has taken to reduce energy consumption and emissions. Other measures have included efficiency mandates, decoupling electricity sales from profits, and passing a law to reduce vehicle tailpipe emissions.

Social Safety Net

Health care

In April 2006, the Massachusetts state legislature approved the nation's first plan to mandate health coverage. With a population of 372,000 uninsured residents, Massachusetts had a significant number of citizens to address. The legislation relied on three platforms to expand health coverage—a public health insurance program, the employer-sponsored insurance system, and individual responsibility. This three-pronged approach:

- Expanded MassHealth (the Medicaid program) to cover all children living in families with incomes below 300 percent of the poverty level and to raise enrollment levels for individuals with disabilities and HIV/AIDS
- Required employers with 11 or more workers to provide health insurance coverage by July 1, 2007 or pay a \$295 per employee

per year assessment.

- Required all individuals to have health insurance or pay a penalty. The plan also included several strategies to ensure that residents can meet their coverage obligation by purchasing affordable insurance. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector provides a mechanism for individuals and small businesses to purchase coverage. In addition, the Commonwealth Care program contracts with Medicaid-participating health plans and provides premium subsidies to ensure that lower-income residents can obtain coverage. Individuals with incomes below 150 percent of the poverty level are not required to pay premiums, and Commonwealth Care provides sliding-scale subsidies for those with incomes between 150 and 300 percent of the poverty level.

This approach plays to the state's strengths, including a high level of employer-sponsored coverage—nearly 70 percent of Massachusetts' non-elderly population receives health coverage through employers—and the historically generous MassHealth program. Early implementation efforts have further demonstrated the effectiveness of this approach; MassHealth enrollment had increased by 53,000 individuals as of March, 2007, and nearly 80,000 adults had enrolled in subsidized Commonwealth Care plans by June 1, 2007.

Massachusetts, though, is still grappling with some sticky questions, such as ensuring that all residents can access comprehensive coverage and developing workable affordability standards. In addition, Massachusetts' unique position—with a high level of employer-sponsored insurance, generous preexisting Medicaid eligibility standards, and a financing pool that included federal and state funding for uncompensated care—may limit this model's applicability in other states. Nevertheless, Massachusetts has helped inject new ideas into the national health reform debate and will offer important lessons for national reforms.

Unemployment Insurance

Other factors besides rising health care costs contribute to a fraying social safety net. Unexpected job loss, for example, often brings great financial strain on both individuals and families. State-run unemployment insurance programs can help mitigate this burden by providing a source of income to qualifying individuals. This program, inaugurated in 1935, was originally part of the Social Security Act, and over the years it has helped thousands of individuals face the uncertainties brought on by unemployment, illness, and sudden disability.

Oregon is one example of where strong policies have been put in place to protect workers who are not at fault for their job loss. In July 2007, the state increased its insurance payout in order to continue to better support the unemployed. Each year, state law mandates that the benefit be adjusted to account for changes in the cost of living. Depending on age and income, individuals are eligible for up to \$463 per week. Oregon's commitment to providing a fair unemployment insurance policy is consistent with the recommendations of CAP's *Progressive Growth* agenda. Our plan calls for beneficial changes that include reforming "monetary eligibility" rules that today screen out low-wage workers and workers who have lost their jobs due to family emergencies. The plan would also allow workers to upgrade their skills and qualifications during periods of unemployment.

Opportunity

Education

Education access is a central component of a progressive growth plan and should call for expanded opportunity for all Americans. These opportunities begin with the youngest among us. In order to prepare our children for the future, we must ensure that they have access to enhanced educational opportunities beginning in preschool. New Jersey has led the push for universal preschool for its residents.

In the late 1990s, several lawsuits were filed on behalf of New Jersey's schoolchildren. The New Jersey Supreme Court's Abbott v. Burke

decision created new standards of accountability for the state's educational system. Universal preschool was one of the key reforms borne out of this landmark decision. The state has worked to expand this program and fulfill its promise of universality. The 2008 state budget would increase educational appropriations, expanding access to 65,000 preschoolers. In particular, the plan targets preschoolers in low-income school districts. Though New Jersey's universal preschool plan has developed incrementally, the state has supported and funded this innovative program with the hopes of one day bringing it to completion—a strategy in line with the proposals recently put forth by the Center for American Progress.

Minimum Wage

Another key pillar of the progressive movement that has the clearest delineation to lifting Americans out of poverty is a minimum wage. This reality notwithstanding, a set minimum wage simply does not offer enough financial security. At the state level, legislatures are taking action to ensure that the minimum wage keeps pace with the continually rising cost of living by indexing it proportionately to inflation. It is not enough to set the minimum wage without being prepared to adjust it in response to economic changes citizens face.

Responding to this need to ensure that income keeps pace with the cost of living, in 1998, Washington became the first state to pass legislation providing for an indexed minimum wage. Each year, the state's minimum wage is recalculated based on a cost-of-living adjustment. With a 2007 minimum wage of \$7.93, Washington's rate is the highest in the nation, and one of only a few that adjusts each year based on changes in the cost of living. Beginning on January 1, 2008, the state's minimum wage will rise to \$8.07 per hour, a \$0.14 increase over 2007.

Lifelong Learning

Providing opportunities for working adults to learn is also critical to success in a global, technology-driven economy. Working adults have

unique needs as learners, including work schedules and family responsibilities. Progressive states are meeting these needs to help create opportunity for their workforce. Indiana is taking the lead in this area with its statewide College for Working Adults Initiative at Ivy Tech Community College.

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, a single statewide institution with 23 campuses and over 70,000 degree-seeking students, boasts a tremendous working model for lifelong learning with its new College for Working Adults. CWA, launched by Ivy Tech in August 2007, is a significant effort to increase the college's completion and graduation rates. CWA incorporates a number of innovative education delivery features designed to promote a clear pathway to a degree and credentials through nine of the college's most highly enrolled programs with the goal of ultimately including it in all programs.

By attending classes no more than twice a week and taking only two courses at a time, CWA will enable working students to complete an Associate in Applied Science degree or Associate in Science degree in as little as 24 months. Marketing and enrollments in CWA are well underway and early response from faculty, staff, and, most of all, students has been remarkably positive.

If you would like more information on how your state or municipality can get information on CAP's *Progressive Growth* proposal, please contact us at stateprogress@americanprogress.org.

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David Madland, Director of the Work/Life Program at the Center for American Progress discusses how the ladder of economic mobility can be rebuilt in the country with the right leadership and progressive policy.

Highlights:

"...this plan is really built around the energy transformation. Global

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Read the full interview [here](#). Or download and listen to the [complete audio](#) (.mp3, 13 min, 11.6mb)

THE WEEK AHEAD

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A monthly e-newsletter for members		JANUARY 2008
2008 Winter Games in St. Moritz - Register Now		CEO Turns 50!
Join CEO and Penny Pitou, an Olympic double silver medalist who has led dozens of ski trips in the Alps, for the 2008 CEO Winter Games from 22 February - 1 March 2008. Led by Hosts <u>Don</u> and <u>Melrose Burr</u> , the games will be held in the elegant old-world resort of St. Moritz, Switzerland. Nestled 6,000 feet high in the Swiss Alps, St. Moritz is magnified by a snow-covered lake that forms a massive scenic foreground. It is considered the best in off-piste and/or long cruise skiing on five major mountains. With a "dry, sparkling champagne climate" and cosmopolitan ambience, the famous town also features a variety of shops and hotels, comprehensive scope of non-skiing activities and diverse food and entertainment. For more information, contact CEO Associate Events Manager <u>Maria Sheffer</u> at 301.280.2548.		Rocks & Crocs College - Open for Family Registrations
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Augie's success began at age 19 when he bought the marketing rights to the Lifecycle exercise bike, the first of its kind in the fitness industry. In 1980, he co-founded Lifecycle, Inc., now called Life Fitness, Inc., which became the largest commercial manufacturer of fitness equipment in the world. [more](#)

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:01 AM

To: govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: Todd

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Teseniar
address: P.O. Box 298441 Wasilla AK 99629

MESSAGE:

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:06 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Therriault

Governor,

Sen. Therriault called to let me know that his group has sent a letter to John Cowdery asking him to step down prior to session. He did copy Lyda Green and Gary Stevens. He actually spoke to Gary about it but they have not released it publicly and he does not intend to do so at this time. His goal is to give the majority some time to deal with it first (holiday spirit). There are a lot of rumors about Cowdery not coming to session or working from home and those rumors in conjunction to statements made by Allen and Smith during the corruption trials led Therriault's group to send the letter. Gene wanted us to be aware of what they are doing but is hoping we will keep it quiet until his group decides to say something publicly.

Mike

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 10:58 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: StateStreet Lawsuit

Governor,

Pat Galvin called me to pass along that the company who invested and lost \$6.2 Billion in bond proceeds from our employee's retirement accounts has made a settlement offer. The offer is to make the \$6.2 million loss whole. One half would be paid at the end of the year and the other half would show as a fee rebate paid at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2008). This is good news. Not that long ago, we were contemplating an appropriation to make the employees whole. We suspected that many of the employees holding on to a significant amount of bonds were likely to be close to retirement and the loss would be very significant. It will be a good announcement once everything is final.

Mike

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 12:03 PM
To: Karen Rehfeld; Randy Ruaro; Michael Tibbles; Mike Nizich; Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Leo von Scheben
Subject: Ferry to Nowhere?

I thought that you would want to see the article below from today's Washington Post concerning the latest round of Congressional earmarks.

As you will see, the article is suffused with mentions of Alaska and has conjured up a new twist - the Ferry to Nowhere from Anchorage to the Mat-Su Borough. I guess that this is a good way to sell newspapers at our expense.

In any event, we can only be responsible for the Administration's own requests, and this one didn't come from us.

Spending Bills Still Stuffed With Earmarks

Democrats Had Vowed To Curtail Pet Projects

By Elizabeth Williamson
Washington Post Staff Writer
Friday, December 21, 2007; A01

Twice in the past two years, Alaska lawmakers lost congressional earmarks to build two "bridges to nowhere" costing hundreds of millions of dollars after Congress was embarrassed by public complaints over the pet projects hidden in annual spending bills.

This year, Rep. Don Young and Sen. Ted Stevens, who are Alaska Republicans, found another way to move cash to their state: Stevens secured more than \$20 million for an "expeditionary craft" that will connect Anchorage with the windblown rural peninsula of Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Now what Alaska has, budget watchdogs contend, is a ferry to nowhere.

"Earmarks are a bipartisan affliction," said Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan budget watchdog group that tracks the projects. "It would take leadership in both parties -- and a lot more shame -- to ever rein them in."

The \$555 billion annual "omnibus" spending bill approved by Congress this week and the \$459 billion defense bill passed last month collectively contain more than 11,000 earmarks, despite Democrats' vow to use their first year in the majority to slash the number of such pet projects.

The earmark tally did come down, budget watchdogs said, but the audacity of the requests is little reduced. Among routine requests for roads and dams, Taxpayers for Common Sense found \$100,000 for signage in Los Angeles's fashion district, \$9 million for "rural domestic preparedness" in Kentucky and \$250,000 for a wine and culinary center in Prosser, Wash.

President Bush yesterday threatened to cancel thousands of the special projects, saying he has ordered White House budget director Jim Nussle to determine the extent of the president's authority to respond to what he called "wasteful spending" in the mammoth appropriations bill. Aides said that could include simply disregarding earmarks that were not included in binding legislative language.

Earmarks are a crucial way that lawmakers channel money back home for such projects as community centers and water-treatment plants. Most members of Congress boast to constituents of their success in winning funding and say they know better than federal agencies what their districts need. A spokesman for Young said the Alaska ferry, for example, would drastically shorten the commute from the borough to Anchorage.

But over decades, earmarks have become magnets for some questionable spending requests, and the sheer number has given them a bad name.

The practice reached a high-water mark in 2005, the year of the first "bridge to nowhere" project, which would have linked the town of Ketchikan, on a southeastern Alaska island, to its airport on a nearby island.

Nussle, a former representative from Iowa who chaired the House Budget Committee, said the earmark explosion badly dented Republicans' and Bush's reputations among fiscal conservatives.

"When I was budget chairman . . . we always held the top line. But what got us in trouble, I feel, are the earmarks," Nussle said in an interview. "People would come up to me at a town meeting, [and] they all want to know: 'How did you have money for this bridge or this rain forest or this cowgirl museum?'"

All told, this year's spending bills contain about 25 percent fewer earmarks than the 2006 appropriations, according to a tally by Citizens Against Government Waste. But this year, lawmakers generally did not count the earmarks in bills composed almost solely of regional projects, such as the annual military construction bill.

Trimming earmarks by changing their definition "is like saying you're meeting your weight-loss goal by not counting your backside," Ellis said. "They've taken a step in the right direction, but if all we did was recalibrate the baseline and earmarks start their growth again, we haven't accomplished much."

The House required lawmakers for the first time to sign their names on their earmarks, identify the beneficiaries and locations, and certify that neither they nor their immediate families have a financial stake in the spending. But Democrats' good intentions came undone in the Senate, which did not trim earmarks as

severely and tinkered with the language of the rules, limiting disclosure only to the authors' names, Ellis said.

There are few signs so far that disclosure rules have dissuaded lawmakers from sponsoring earmarks, watchdogs said. They have only made them easier to trace.

The Taxpayers for Common Sense audit revealed, for example, that a handful of lawmakers continued this year to sponsor earmarks worth more than \$10 million for ProLogic Inc., a West Virginia company under federal investigation for its role in receiving earmarked money.

The omnibus bill provides \$126,000 for the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio, a favorite cause of the earmark's sponsor, Rep. Ralph Regula (R), whose wife founded the museum and whose daughter runs it. Regula has requested hundreds of thousands of federal dollars for the museum since 1991, when he persuaded the National Park Service to pay \$1.1 million for its headquarters -- the girlhood home of Ida Saxton McKinley, the 25th first lady.

"Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have teamed up to waste taxpayer dollars on silly pork projects and egotistical projects named after themselves," said Brian Riedl, senior budget analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank.

The Alaska ferry project is one of the more expensive earmarks. Billed in Stevens's version of the legislation as an "expeditionary craft" to be used by the military, it is considered a passenger ferry by Young, according to his spokeswoman. It would follow roughly the same path as the second of the abandoned "bridges to nowhere." Stevens placed the earmark that will fund the ferry into the defense appropriations bill, which Bush signed last month.

Young's son-in-law owns land in Matanuska-Susitna Borough, a remote region two hours by car from Anchorage. A ferry would shorten that commute to 15 minutes, making the borough valuable for housing development.

Meredith Kenny, a spokeswoman for Young, confirmed the family connection to the land. "Many Alaskans own land there," she said.

"They've been working on this since the mid-1990s," she said of the ferry project. "It's bipartisan, well wanted and needed. It's a bridge to growth and development."

Staff writer Jonathan Weisman contributed to this report.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 2:49 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Dear Governor Palin, This is to give you a heads up. This may a story shortly. Talis

From: DeYoung, Jan H (LAW)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 2:23 PM
To: Jenicek, Monica (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Gordon, Nancy R (LAW)
Subject: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Folks, I am sending this note to let you know that the APOC approved at its commission meeting last week a referral of lobbyist Ashley Reed to this office for consideration of criminal prosecution. (I just learned this today, by the way.) Apparently he has a 21 year history of late and incomplete reporting under the lobbyist registration and reporting requirements. Patty Ware, staff at APOC, is putting together a report which will be provided to the AG. However, she is not ready to send it yet and thinks it may take her a few weeks. I am giving you this forewarning because the commissioners acted in an open meeting. Because the request for the referral was made in public meeting, there may be press interest.

Jan H. DeYoung
Chief Assistant Attorney General
Labor & State Affairs
907.269.5073 (direct)
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Please note the new email address: Jan.DeYoung@alaska.gov

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:17 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Christmas Eve Thank Yous

Governor,

Attached are seven pages worth of "thank yous" from happy State employees who are so appreciative of your thoughtful gesture to excuse them from work on Christmas Eve. Commissioner Kreitzer wanted to make sure you saw all of the positive responses that have brightened the Christmas season for so many State employees because of your giving spirit.

Incase you're checking from your blackberry, I've pasted some of my favorites in this email.

Merry Christmas,

Ivy

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! What a wonderful gift and so nicely said. You have given us a great blessing. Merry Christmas to all of you too.—Cathy J. Kane

Tell Sarah we are all doing a happy dance! And thank you very much! --Gretchen Collier

God Bless You!!!! I've worked here since 1987 and this is a first. Thank you so much.—Janet Bailey

I wish that you would pass on to Governor Palin how extremely thoughtful this is, to know we have leave ahead of time, and also the time given is very generous. I have worked for the State for 22 years now and to my knowledge this is the first time such an announcement has been made.

We appreciate your gift and the thoughts behind it..

Thank you

Lavonne Rhyneer

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 12:40 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Budget Numbers for Alaska Marine Highway System

Governor:

In a change to a more open approach, AMHS has started meeting with legislators and community leaders to discuss the budget and operating plan for the ferry system in the FY 09 operating budget. Issues related to the AMHS budget and operating plan may start appearing in news stories or generating phone calls to the Governor's Office.

OPERATING BUDGET NUMBERS - AMHS

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The good news as set out in the budget numbers for AMHS is this administration has been able to not only stop the rapid rate of escalation in costs for running AMHS that we inherited from the previous administration but we have operated at cost levels significantly lower than the FY 07 actual amounts. (There may be a supplemental for FY 08 from AMHS but I do not believe it is much greater than \$1.0 million - I will try to confirm with Karen)

Unfortunately, there is little management can do to reduce or even hold steady their two main costs, fuel and labor, (both of these costs have been increasing). Savings are often achieved with operation changes and schedule changes that reduce service levels to communities.

When operation changes are implemented, they often combine with the fact that every year, different vessels will be in for major repairs (every ship in the fleet is on a 3 year rotation schedule for major repairs. This means it is almost certain that a different area of Alaska will see significant service reductions every year.

This year, it was the Prince William Sound area that saw the Aurora go in for major repairs to its car deck. The service reductions caused mayors, citizens, etc., to protest pretty loudly.

Next year, (2008) it is Southwest Alaska (Kodiak, Homer, Seldovia) where the Tustumena is going in for about 5-6 months of repairs in the winter. The Kennecott is the only vessel available to replace it on those runs. The Kennecott is 3-4 times as expensive to

operate. AMHS could not completely replace the service levels the Tustumena was providing to Southwest Alaska and stay on budget.

AMHS's operating plan balances the need for reasonable budget amounts with the need to provide as much service as possible. (In fact, AMHS general fund amount for FY 09 is very close to the general fund number recommended by MTAB - but it was not possible to squeeze the increase in service levels out of the budget that MTAB wanted)

We should expect a lot of complaints and phone calls, but AMHS' managers have a budget and operating plan in place that does the best they could reasonably do.

Let me know if you would like to see details of the operating plan and service level decreases by community.

Randy

-----Original Message-----

From: Siroky, Mary P (DOT)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:50 AM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Hardy, Dennis L (DOT); Slagle, Nancy J (DOT); Leary, Richard D (DOT)
Subject: Numbers for amhs

Here are the numbers that you requested . AMHS has a good story to tell in this arena.

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:00 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Michael Tibbles
Subject: Hamel's Response

I don't want to protract our current dialogue with Mr. Hamel, but I feel obligated to forward his personal response to you (attached). I haven't given him your email address.

Below, is my recent advice to DNR and the Alaska Fire Marshall about how to handle the current situation:

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The responses I have received seem to confirm this approach.

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Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2007 8:38 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
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Subject: Re: Scheduling

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Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 14:02:14

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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Subject: Bob penney

Is he a lobbyist? Can I accept this ham he hand sent- maybe donate it to wasilla's community dinner if he is a lobbyist? And did tara record it?

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Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Fw: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Merry Christmas Annette! Thanks for the good and impressive work you've accomplished on Rural Cap, to be continued by Rhonda:

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2007 01:54:56

To: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>, "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "M Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Rhonda:

Couldn't agree more! Your discerning assessment of Annette's service there is spot on. Thanks for recognizing that.

It will be so great to have you as a part of Rural Cap now, too.

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From: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2007 14:26:57

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 4:55 PM
To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 10:21 AM
To: Beck, Deborah (DOL)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 10:07 AM
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Subject: Other

Web mail from: deborah beck

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Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 10:21 AM
To: Capen, Lori M (HSS)
Subject: RE: THANK YOU - RE: December 24 Schedule

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From: Capen, Lori M (HSS)
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 10:12 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: THANK YOU - RE: December 24 Schedule

Governor Palin,

Thank you - very much - for giving the

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:35 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 1:07 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Conchita McKnight
address: 150 3rd Street Juneau AK 99801
465-1768

MESSAGE:

Hello Governor Palin,

I just wanted to send a quick THANK YOU for holiday leave you are granting us.

It is also appreciated to know that it is non-discretionary. I know many years when my husband (also a state employee) was able to leave early and my office would not be able to. Your message made it clear that i

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:32 AM
To: Boothby, Taunnie L (CED)
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From: Boothby, Taunnie L (CED)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 2:52 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: office, commissioners (DOA sponsored)
Subject: RE: December 24 Schedule

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 10:23 AM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Cc: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: nov 28th minutes MVFGAC

From: Mark Chryson [mailto:mark@web-ak.com]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:53 AM
To: Mark Chryson
Subject: nov 28th minutes MVFGAC

Got the final meeting minutes here for Nov. 28th

Am waiting on Sherry to get the notes she took so I can combine what she has and I had as she has
more of the election items recorded. We don't want to miss anything.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas

Mark Chryson
2140 Wolverine Circle
Wasilla, AK 99654
907-376-8285
<http://www.web-ak.com>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:25 AM
To: 'tamistikes@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:32 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Tami Bowman
address: 4449 Columbia Blvd Juneau AK 9981
907-523-5451

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin -

My name is Tami Bowman. I am a mother of two, and I have been a licensed childcare provider in Juneau for almost one year. Many of the families I work with depend on child-care assistance to be able to afford quality, regulated care for their children so that they can

work. Childcare assistance is a great benefit to the modest and low-income families in Juneau to whom the real cost of child-care is an overwhelming financial burden.

Unfortunately, I have heard that the hard working, dedicated child-care providers in

the state of Alaska have not had a raise in wages in 8 years. I understand this is because the state of Alaska has not increased its allocation for childcare assistance in since the year 2000. Although I realize I haven't been in the business that long, I believe it because the maximum amount the State of Alaska will pay today for infant Child care is \$65 less than what I paid at a facility for my daughter in 2001. I also had to supply food for her until she was over 1 year old. My rates are slightly higher than what the state allocates for childcare (and I still charge less than what I paid for my daughter AND I provide food). This means parents have to pay the difference between my rates and the state's rates, and it is one more expense that these families cannot afford. The process

in which the state decides how much funding they will allocate for the next year's assistance is a very flawed process. The state bases future allocations on a survey taken of childcare providers' rates.

ates. Last year they picked a date - July 18th I believe - for us to be ready to answer questions for. They asked me how many children were in care and for how long that day, how many were on assistance and what my rates were. I base my rates on what the state will pay, so that my parents don't have the extra burden of coming up with extra money they don't have just to pay me.

If I raise my rates, my clients will go where there is less financial burden. If I don't raise my rates, I will not be able to afford my home for much longer. So it is no surprise to me that facilities are closing. In 2001, I had a home with a mortgage of \$130,000. I now have a \$285,000 mortgage for a home with one more bedroom and a smaller yard than I had before. How can a person keep a childcare facility open with the cost of living going up as it is?

In addition to being under-funded, there are serious flaws in the way the child-care assistance monies are regulated. If the parent needs full-time childcare and is working full-time, authorizations should be for full-time childcare not "16 full time days attendance, unless the child attends more, in which case the full-time enrollment amount

will be paid". This sort of an authorization gives the provider no idea at all what will be paid until the beginning of the next month when they are paid. In fact, the parent's full co-pay is due at the beginning of the month and with an attendance authorization, the provider cannot know what to charge as the parent will have to pay for any missed days.

The state will only pay for the days the child attends care. This seems reasonable at first glance but it is actually a policy with terrible implications. For example, if a child doesn't attend care for one or several days due to illness or some other family emergency, the state will not subsidize care for those days. So the parent misses a day of work and has to pay the full day's rate of care that day. Parents should not be denied childcare funding because they have sick kids and could not go to work or school. Denial for childcare funding due to circumstances beyond the control of the parent such as sick children or if they themselves are sick or for other reasons unable to work is just plain wrong. It is a financial double whammy for low-income parents.

The other obvious implication of this misguided policy is that parents consistently bring their sick children to childcare to avoid the financial expense of keeping them home. This, of course, is not what is best for a sick child and is also endangering the health of

the other children in care as well as the health of the childcare provider. And if a child is particularly sickly and misses several days a month, it is a balance the parent is often not able to pay.

This leaves me, as the provider, with the choice of either eating the loss of income (which is what most often happens), or discontinuing care for that child, which still leaves me unpaid. So I ask this, why is child-care for low-income families being subsidized on the

backs of the states hard-working, dedicated child-care providers? My bills don't go down because I was sick for two weeks or if I go on vacation, so why should my income go down because someone else's child is sick or their family pays for them to come visit for the holidays?

I have a family of my own. By default the state is asking me to subsidize the care for Alaska's young children. I cannot create a household budget because I rarely get paid what I charge my people who use childcare assistance because the bureaucracy doesn't allow it and people on assistance count on that assistance and cannot afford to pay the extra expense when their children are sick. Should I not accept low-income children into my care and only provide these valuable spots for parents that are able to pay out-of-pocket? (At least then, I would not be working without pay and subsidizing a problem that is not mine). Should we have a childcare hierarchy where the valuable, regulated, licensed childcare spots are reserved for parents who are able to pay without assistance, leaving parents who are dependent on assistance to leave their kids home with the neighbor, or in unregulated care? Any way you look at it, the state is going to end up paying to support these families.

I keep hearing about a childcare crisis in Juneau. I believe people living in Juneau will continue to have problems finding quality childcare if childcare providers continue to have problems being adequately compensated for their work. The childcare assistance

bureaucracy is a mess and does not do enough to assist the parents who need it or the providers who bill it. These rules and regulations that do not allow parents to receive the funding they need for childcare and delay or prevent childcare providers from receiving payment for services rendered are a major reason for the crisis in childcare in Juneau.

Please hear my plea and that of other daycare providers. We need help and we need it soon! You are a mother of young children, and I know you understand as a parent how important quality child care is for ALL families. Please use some of your "Budget Surplus" to re-do the childcare assistance system so that low-income families can afford to work, and so that we can continue to provide quality, regulated care for them.

Thank you for your time in considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Tami J Bowman
Owner/Provider
Tami's Tikes Licensed Childcare

tamistikes@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:23 AM
To: Cornwall; Daniel D (EED)
Subject: RE: Other

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Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Daniel Corn

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:20 AM
To: faelucky@netscape.net
Subject: RE: Elections

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mike n Maka Fairman
address: 3813 Forest Glen Dr. Homer AK 99603
907-235-6860

MESSAGE:

Our Dearest Mrs. Palin;

My wife and I would like to thank you for such a fine job and such a great personality you have given back to us regular citizens. You know, the ones that comprise the majority of this state, but are less the money it seems to take to even be able to help ourselves in these trying times. Madam Governor, we truly think it would put a real bad mark on your flawless career were you to join up with any one but one that shares your INTEGRITY, HONESTY, and PROFESSIONAL WISDOM! If you really are the upstanding and truly humanitarian person you appear to be, and we really believe you are, Rudy Giuliani, or any one like him would be a very bad mistake! We believe this country has had it's full/up of unreliable and dishonest people that take the rest of us for fools and for what-ever reason, don't seem to have the gumption to take us forward as we believe you would and certainly could. We dare to say madam, YOU SHOULD RUN FOR PRESIDENT! You are a true leader and a very kindly person. Ho

wever; if a vice were your intention, if/when, Ron Paul is also a great humanitarian and seems to carry the same weight with the PEOPLE that you do! Oh, he is also a republican.

We don't care for party lines. It seems to follow the old adage, "Divide and Conquer". We will always announce you to others as "A wise humanitarian with buckets full of honesty and sincerity". Please forgive me for carrying on but after we heard that they, whoever they are, are considering running you with Rudy; well, we just had to have our say to you as citizens of this country. With like kind, we truly believe you can take this country

where we need to be as a whole nation. With Rudy, your support would surely diminish to a point that trust would be a question in our lives AGAIN!?

Thank You for listening

Peace and Love

Mike n Maka Fairman

faelucky@netscape.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:11 AM
To: 'absmiler@gci.net'
Subject: RE: Elections

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Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2007 9:56 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Karenza Schuller
address: 4405 Abby Way Juneau AK 99801
425-344-1024

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Since my last letter to you, several things have happened to me. I sent you a letter describing injury incidents and complications with health coverage. That letter was sent on 12/20/2006. Today is 12/22/2006. On Friday the 21st I went to the division of Retirement and Benefits. I was able to sit down with someone and discuss my concerns. As it turns out, the woman I have been dealing with at Premera Blue Cross misquoted information to me. When I received the COBRA enrollment papers, I read them very carefully. At that time I read and understood that you cannot make partial payments for your monthly premiums. When I called and spoke with this woman she said, "We understand that if you are on COBRA it means that you are not employed. We accept partial payments and keep a running balance for you. As long as you make regular monthly payments, your coverage will remain active." So, of course, I listened to the insurance company. I have made regular monthly payments for covera

ge that began in February 2007. While at DRB I was told that the information I was given was simply incorrect. I am now expected to come up with over \$8000.00 immediately to continue coverage. Also, if I am unable to come up with the premiums, Premera will take back all monies payed to my health care providers. Once they take back all of those payments, I am quite sure I will no longer be able to continue with my current treatment plan for the injuries I sustained in 2006. My condition has already become chronic. No treatments will ensure it becomes permanent.

I also followed up with Occupational Disability. They informed me that when I cashed out the small amount I had in PERS (to pay for insurance premiums and prescriptions) I lost membership. No one had ever told me what "membership" meant. I had no idea there were any other benefits besides monetary. I asked if I could pay back that money and was told I could if I returned to work. Again, these injuries have left me disabled. So there is no help for me there. I hope someone is reviewing this situation. The system has some serious flaws that need to be addressed.

Very sincerely again,

Karenza Schuller

425-344-1024

absmiler@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:00 AM
To: ak5505@gci.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2007 10:27 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Dean Lippold
address: 2671 Terry Lane North Pole AK 99705
907488-5505

MESSAGE:

Governor

I'm writing to you today in regards to our issues with hunting within Alaska. There seems to be more and more hunters chasing an ever decreasing population of game. After reading and commenting on the Jan 08 Fish & Game list of proposals to changes of 2008 hunting regulations, it has become apparent that Alaska is not managing its game with the average Alaskan resident in mind. I would like to know how Non Residents are allowed to make proposals to change Alaskan hunting regulations. Why do we allow a non resident guide who is only coming to Alaska to make money to propose and lobby for changes? Do you think he is proposing changes that will benefit Alaskans? Of course not, his proposals will benefit him and other guides alike. There is something wrong when non resident sheep hunters harvest just as many sheep as residents. There's something wrong with the fact that in theory, 100% of permits can be drawn by non residents. I would hope you agree that the majority of our permis

ts should be going to residents. How shameful would it be if all 150 permits issued for the Delta Control Use Area went to non resident? Some of the new permit areas have been given a cap on how many permits can go to non residents'. The rest of our permit areas should be the same way. Why do we give our resources away? A non resident goat tag goes for \$350.00 but yet that same permit in another state is well over a \$1000.00

I'm not sure what you can do about this problem, but anything you can do to help rectify this will be greatly appreciated by all Alaskan sportsmen.

Dean Lippold
2671 Terry Lane
North Pole, AK 99705

ak5505@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 7:43 AM
To: Tokrv@aptalaska.net
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2007 4:41 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from:

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 7:39 AM
To: 'sieversheather@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Health_Care

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Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2007 8:14 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Health_Care

Web mail from: Ms. Heather Sievers
address: 4442 Lauesen Ave. North Pole AK 99705
907-488-1996

MESSAGE:

Dear Mrs. Palin,

Hello my name is Heather Sievers I would like to ask if there is any way I could help the people of Fairbanks and hopefully one day all of Alaska with a critical need I feel our people can no longer do without. I was born in 1978. A month after I was born I was critically ill. I was in and out of the hospital until I was a year old. The condition I was diagnosed was Type One not Two but One Diabetes. The night the doctor finally diagnosed me I was on my fathers floor of the truck flopping around. Then went into a coma. I should of died. But to the grace of god I lived. The only way my parents survived all my medical bills, doctor visits every month, hospital stays, and my whole ordeal about taking on this disease as a person was my father Kevin Hile was stationed in the military. My medical was paid for. Until I turned eight-teen. After that my life has gone down hill. I could no longer afford my medical expenses. I'm thousands of dollars in debt. I use to be told I'll beat this

disease. Now all the doctors tell me I'm gonna die. See my father was stationed up here in 1989. So no I wasn't born here but haven't left since then. I love Alaska it's my home. I have two biological daughters Ezabelle and Savannah. I also have a son but he's my step son I've taken care of him since he was four months old. In having this disease I've learned a lot about it and received some sickening complications. I've lost my eye sight, my heart has many complications, feeling, depression, I've had my urethra sliced open then closed again, doctors say my kidneys are okay but that's the number one complication in diabetics. I've had my thyroid removed, my tubes tied, now I have to have surgery again to fix a hernia. Every year I've had to get something done. I delay going to the doctors as much as I can. I'm twenty-nine and have the state of Alaska paying for a majority of my

medical. My one question is how can I find a physician that will help me with this disease because I've

e been through hell trying to get in to s!

ee a doctor. First my original doctor at Tanana Valley Clinic in Fairbanks resigned. So I tried to find a Endocrinologist here in Alaska and come to find out we only have one. She is located in Anchorage. I have tried to get into seeing her but every time either I couldn't get medicaid to get me a flight or set up to see her I was denied. I tried this summer and it was hell. I went down with my friend had two-hundred dollars. Tried for a hotel found one and when we went to my appointment they gave my room up to someone else and told me to find somewhere else. My friend knew some family there and we had a place to stay. But my mother in law and father in law were down there and couldn't get a room anywhere so they stayed in there van. Sixty year olds shouldn't have to do that. Well next day went to my appointment to find out that the doctor wasn't there but her nurse would see me. They checked my sugars before I went in they were 32. I waited an hour and a half before I was abl

e to raise them. When I got back to Moose Creek I never wanted to go back. Ever since I've been looking for a doctor. Right now I'm able to see a nurse practitioner. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't know that my brittle diabetes is killing me. So please respond back with any advice on what I can do for those of us that don't have the medical assistance that we need. Thank you for your time. Heather Sievers

sieversheather@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:27 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Dcemebr 21, 2007 E-News

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 4:36 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Dcemebr 21, 2007 E-News

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

December 21, 2007 E-News

Alaska State Chamber Adopts Legislative Priorities

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce has adopted its five legislative priorities for the upcoming session:

- . Consistent land use and permitting process for resource development
- . Encourage progress on a natural gas pipeline
- . Development of an energy policy for Alaska
- . Develop a comprehensive fiscal plan
- . A strategic economic development plan for Alaska

More than 65 State Chamber members considered over 35 proposals to come up with the five priorities. In addition to these priorities, the State Chamber has taken a position on a number of other critical issues facing the State of Alaska. The board ratified both the priorities and positions at its meeting Friday, November 30 in Anchorage.

The legislative priorities will be delivered to all sixty members of the State Legislature and the Governor. "These priorities will serve as the cornerstone of our advocacy efforts with the legislature during the upcoming session," said Wendy Lindskoog, Chair of the State Chamber.

State Chamber members employ the vast majority of private sectors workers. Action on our five priorities will remove barriers to job creation and create opportunities for business development. For more information on the priorities and positions adopted by the State Chamber, visit our web site

Alaska Statehood Commission Events and Meetings

The next meeting of the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission is Thursday January 3, 2008,

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10:00am-12:00pm in the Governors Conference room at 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1700, Anchorage. Teleconference number 1-800-315-6338, participation code #7450.

That afternoon, the Statehood Commission invites you to the kick-off for the 50th Year Celebration of Statehood and the unveiling of the Statehood Celebration license plates. It is set for January 3 from 1-2:30pm right after the Commission meetings at the Anchorage Museum-Alaska Gallery.

The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission is established to research, plan and prepare to celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary of admission as the 49th state of the United States of America. The Commissions vision is to Honor our history, celebrate our future. They want Alaska's 50th Anniversary Celebration to inspire the people of our great state, and across the world, to rejoice in Alaska's past, present, and future.

Melissa Stepovich, Co-chair of the Alaska Statehood Commission in the Governor's Fairbanks office has extended an invitation to Alaska State Chamber members and local Chamber representatives to participate in the Commission's meetings to plan the celebration of the fiftieth year of Statehood.

For more information, contact
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Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission
550 West 7th, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501
Office-269-7456
Fax-269-7461

Wishing a Happy Holiday Season to all of our Members

As the holiday season arrives, we send our best wishes for a holly, jolly holiday season, and a prosperous New Year. We appreciate the support of our members and those who volunteer so much of their time to help us make the Alaska State Chamber, a strong voice for Alaska business. We wish you all the best in the coming year. Thank you for your support.

Small Business Responds to Call for Nominations Of Federal Rules In Need Of Review and Reform

December 31 Deadline For Nominations

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Small businesses and their representatives have eagerly responded to the Office of Advocacy's call for nominations of federal rules in need of review and reform. Nominations have been received from across the country since the announcement of the Regulatory Review and Reform (r3) initiative.

"We are excited about the initial response to our r3 initiative," said Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy. "Clearly, small business owners are concerned about the burden placed on them by regulations that may be outdated or unwieldy. More importantly, they are doing more than complaining; the small business community is making constructive suggestions for how to improve current rules."

Advocacy research shows that complying with all federal regulations now costs our economy \$1.1 trillion per year - more per household than the cost of healthcare. The smallest of businesses bear the brunt of the business regulations. They annually pay 45 percent more per employee to comply with

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federal regulations than big businesses do.

The Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration is still seeking nominations of federal rules in need of review and reform. The "Top 10" rules nominated by small business owners, trade associations, and others will be transmitted to appropriate federal agencies for review and reform.

Nominate regulations needing review and reform by visiting the Office of Advocacy r3 website at www.sba.gov/advo/r3, by sending an email to advocacy@sba.gov, or by calling Keith Holman at (202) 205-6936. Nominations are due by December 31, 2007.

The r3 initiative addresses many of the issues raised in a recent GAO report, Reexamining Regulations: Opportunities Exist to Improve Effectiveness and Transparency of Retrospective Reviews. The report spotlighted implementation of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which mandates that agencies periodically examine their existing regulations to measure changing impacts on small business.

The Office of Advocacy, the "small business watchdog" of the federal government, examines the role and status of small business in the economy and independently represents the views of small business to federal agencies, Congress, and the President. It is the source for small business statistics presented in user-friendly formats, and it funds research into small business issues.

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The Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent voice for small business within the federal government. The presidentially appointed Chief Counsel for Advocacy advances the views, concerns, and interests of small business before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, federal courts, and state policy makers. For more information, visit www.sba.gov/advo, or call (202) 205-6533.

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From: Larry Wood [wood.lawrence.d@terrawash.com]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 11:32 AM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); tara.jollie@lalaska.gov; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Merry Chrsitmas!

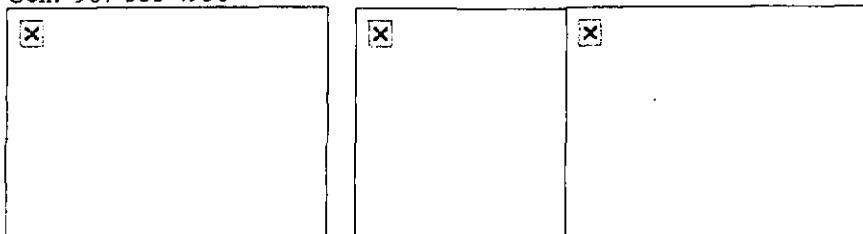
Merry Christmas!

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Happy New Year!

Me, I will be in HI from 29 December through at least 10 Feb., 2008.
I will try to have the proper "guilt" for being in a warm place. :)

Best regards,
Larry Wood, Gen. Mgr.
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:25 AM

To: charles kohm

Subject: RE: Putting Alaska First - December 2007

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: charles kohm [mailto:ckguyfromsi@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:07 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Csgwireless@aol.com; carinn casey; cheryl paulson/barkley; EDRIS KOHM; edward morgan; Fran Fuller; Glennnda and David Rassin; James R Kraft; karen marchese; Kerrysull@aol.com; Kerrysull@aol.com; kevin kohm; lynn cormier; marilyn cucuzza/ciaburri; OttoTina Montalvo; Reba Jean Kimbrough; stephen b atchley; thomas kinslow; Victor Colon; Vivien; vladimir knop

Subject: Re: Putting Alaska First - December 2007

Governor Palin,

I'm so happy you sent me this e-mail.

I'm going to forward this to all of my friends and family in the lower 48 states. I know everyone wants to know what you are doing for the 'budget' in Alaska. There are lots of questions about your budget and WHO is going to benefit from it.

I'd like to know how much of the savings is going to the Governor Palin Foundation.

Thank you Sarah Palin!

Merry Christmas,

Charlie Kohm

Staten Island, New York

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) <governor@alaska.gov>

To: Governor_Mailing_List@list.state.ak.us

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Subject: Putting Alaska First - December 2007

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Items of Interest

Peak Performance Denali Awards Coming Soon!

The nomination period for the second annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards, which recognize outstanding employees and teams for excellence in service to the state, will be Jan 1-Feb. 15. Outstanding State of Alaska employees can be nominated in four categories - coworker recognition, excellence in customer service, exceptional performance and leadership.

Nominations can be made by any employee, including self-nomination. For more information about the nomination process, please visit the website at <http://dop.state.ak.us/index.php?id=1120>.

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form for the appropriate award category. Each nomination must be submitted to the employee's departmental Denali Award representative by Feb. 15. Department Denali Award representatives are

Christmas is a season for good will and hope to spread across Alaska, from our smallest villages to our largest cities, and to brighten even the darkest, coldest winter nights. We are so blessed to live and work in a state rich in resources and opportunities.

Great things are happening in Alaska every day. As we approach 50 years as a state, we can reflect on how far we've come and how far we can still go, limited only by our own vision and determination. We have so much to be thankful for as we celebrate this special season of giving and fellowship, love and charity.

I want to thank Alaska's service men and women for their devoted service to our nation. We are deeply grateful for their courage, bravery and personal sacrifice. May they have God's protection and may they return home safely and quickly to their loved ones.

To every Alaskan, may the peace and goodwill of this special season fill every heart and warm every home with the blessings that fill our lives.

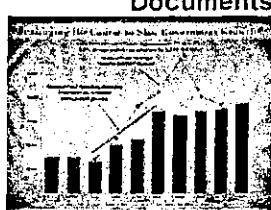
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

We presented a budget on Dec. 10 to the Legislature, five days before the Dec. 15 mandate. Our \$4.6 billion budget, which includes pro-business, pro-family initiatives, is part of a fiscal plan for Alaska that builds on our commitment to slow the trend of government growth, from an average of 14 percent to only four percent.

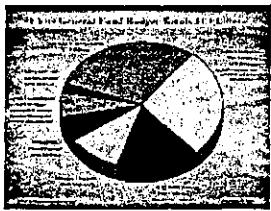
The plan is based on three principles - saving for the future, living within our means and controlling government spending and ramping up resource development. Our plan focuses on investment in core services and constitutionally mandated state responsibilities.

I announced a \$7.1 billion savings and investment plan on Dec. 5. The savings portion of our proposal is a key element of our fiscal plan. By setting money aside, Alaska will be able to meet its obligations - like funding schools, public safety and infrastructure - when oil prices drop, revenues decline and the federal largesse that we're so used to may not continue at the same level that Alaska has seen in the past.

We are extremely blessed with a projected surplus of \$4.6 billion. This gives us the opportunity to do more than save for near term spending. We have an unprecedented opportunity to save for future generations.



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Flags Lowered for Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention

Judge Tom Stewart Dead at 88

Governor Sarah Palin ordered state flags lowered to half-staff on Dec. 18 in honor and memory of retired Superior Court Judge Thomas Stewart. Judge Stewart died Dec. 12 in Juneau. He was 88.

Judge Stewart served in the territorial



Commissioner Click Bishop
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Q: Commissioner, please describe your personal background?

I first came to Alaska in 1959. My father worked for Green Construction Company. My summers as a young person were spent around Alaska on construction projects from Ketchikan to Kotzebue and just about every town or village on the Alaska State Highway System. I am a third generation construction worker. After graduating from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks I went to work on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. I spent 16 years in the field on projects all over the state and I spent another 16 years working for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as coordinator and administrator.

Q: What do you do for fun on your spare time?

I like to hunt, trap and fish, snow machine, race boats and mine for gold. I love to spend

House of Representatives and served as a senator in the first session of the Alaska Legislature. He was the secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1955 and 1956. Judge Stewart also served as Superior Court Judge in Juneau from 1966 until his retirement in 1981.

During World War II, he was a U.S. Army captain in the 10th Mountain Division ski troops, serving in Italy and the Aleutian Islands.

"We lost a true visionary and a wealth of Alaska knowledge," said Governor Palin.

"We can forever hold on to Judge Stewart's Alaskan spirit and his guidance for the future if we abide by the constitution he helped create. Todd and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones."

Judge Stewart volunteered for the Juneau World Affairs Council, served on the board of directors for the Symphony and the Southeast Alaska Land Trust, and was active with the Juneau Lyric Opera and other arts and community groups.

Judge Stewart is survived by six of his children

quality time with my wife, daughters and granddaughters, and my dog Raven.

Q: What is your favorite movie and why?

Patton. I am very patriotic. Patton thought outside the box and didn't lead from the rear. My uncle served with Patton's 3rd Army and was also an honor guard at his funeral. Patton could motivate people. Makes you proud to be an American.

Q: What was your least favorite job and/or experience?

Cutting open asphalt drums with a chisel, one barrel at a time. Years ago asphalt was shipped to the bush in 55 gallon drums and you had to manually remove the top of the drum. When you use up to 8,000 gallons a day, that's a lot of drums – boring.

Q: How have you worked with the Alaska labor community?

I worked for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as the statewide coordinator and administrator for 16 years promoting and expanding apprenticeship opportunities. I also worked on bringing other training programs together in sharing resources and training together as a team where applicable. Some of the trainings that occurred were ball field, soccer field and parking lot grading and paving for non-profit organizations.

Q: What is your involvement with the Alaska Pipeline Training program?

Alaska Works Partnership provides a pipeline training course every fall to Alaskans wanting to work in the oil and gas construction industry. My previous involvement with the pipeline training was as the team leader for the program. My present involvement is knowledge transfer.

Q: After graduation, what opportunities become available for graduates?

In the past more than 90 percent of graduates of each class were placed on North Slope pipeline projects in the same training year.

Q: Why is this program important for the development of the Alaska workforce, especially with the Natural Gas Pipeline on the horizon?

It is our responsibility, everyone not just the state, this time around to step up to the plate and maximize the lessons learned from the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) construction, and implement those lessons to training the next generation of Alaskan pipeliners.

Q: What would you tell a student who is worried about the future of oil and gas development in Alaska with the declining fields and world focus on alternative energies?

I would tell a student today the same thing that I told our entry level class of operators in 1998. Alaska is the place to be for the next 25 years in the business of oil and gas, as well as highway construction and mineral development. I am the eternal optimist and never really had a bad day. Some are just better than others. Life is what you make of it.

Q: How does an interested party find additional information for enrollment?
Alaska Works Partnerships, (907) 569-4711.

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Governor Sarah Palin

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Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:23 AM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

From: Enochs [mailto:enotague@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:21 PM
To: 'Mock, Cathy'
Cc: 'R. Thor & Joanna Williams'; Frisby, Susan E (HSS); Hildreth, Thomas A (HSS); 'Ron Cowan'; donald.kitchen@alaska.gov; Starry, Rebecca R (LAW); Sandoval, Tammy K (HSS); Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Jackson, Karleen K (HSS); Twomey, Timothy M (LAW); Johnston, Shanna R (LAW); 'Julie Fulmer'; Knight, Denise (LAA)
Subject: RE: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

Mr. Evans,

Therapeutic Foster Care is included in my foster son's current treatment plan. It is also the one therapy in his care plan that has been consistently stable and successful. Yvonne Chase has never been listed as a member of my foster son's treatment team, and as such, does not get to suddenly exclude successful therapies to suit her fancy. Treatment plan decisions are made by the guardian(s), in a treatment team format. Medicaid pays the bills--- NOT DENALI FAMILY SERVICES. My foster son continues to receive therapeutic foster care therapy in my therapeutic foster home, and I expect to be reimbursed for services rendered.

Who shall I bill as of 12/13/07?

Ron Cowan, Disability Law Center of AK:

Since this clearly is an effort to cause financial strain in this foster home, and thereby disrupt my foster son's placement, would you mind running this by your lawyers to advise us of our rights?

Mr. Kitchen and Ms. Starry:

Help. Please.

From: Mock, Cathy [mailto:Mock.Cathy@dorsey.com]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 3:34 PM
To: enotague@mtaonline.net
Cc: Evans, William; Chiara, Melissa
Subject: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

Please see attached letter from Bill Evans.

Catherine L. Mock
Legal Secretary

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:09 AM

To: Bernie Holland

Subject: RE: Merry Christmas,.....

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From: Bernie Holland [mailto:yukonjack@99737.com]

Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2007 1:11 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Merry Christmas,.....

Governor Palin and family,

The Holland family of Delta Junction would like to thank you ever so much for a very wonderful year with all your hard work and long days spent bringing Alaska back to where she should be, a 'Great' state to live in with honest and fair people. May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you again Governor Palin,

Affectionately,

Bernie, Mary & Sang-Jin Holland

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin

To: yukonjack@wildak.net

Subject: RE: Other

Dear Mr. and Ms. Holland:

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 7:42 AM

To: Spurlin; Ada K (HSS)

Subject: RE: I don't know what to do

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Spurlin, Ada K (HSS)

Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2007 5:32 PM

To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: I don't know what to do

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You can contact me at **Privileged or Personal**. I look forward to talking to you.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 8:36 AM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Wildlife Danger in Anchorage

-----Original Message-----

From: DAVID & DONNA WILLIAMS [mailto:dwilli7269@ak.net]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 10:07 AM
To: DFG, Commissioner (DFG sponsored)
Cc: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Wildlife Danger in Anchorage

Wolfs are killing pets and confronting humans in the Anchorage area and no one is doing anything to stop it. This increasing danger to the safety of our residents and pets has gone too far and must be contained now before someone get hurt or killed. It has already escalated to the point where yesterday a pack of wolfs surrounded three local women walking their pets and attacked one of their dogs.

ADF&G Mission Statement

To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their use and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state,

consistent with the sustained yield principle.

This situation is out of control. What is Fish and Game doing to protect the "well-being of the people of the state" that reside in Anchorage from this wildlife danger?

Dave Williams

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Rodger Painter [rodgerpainter@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2007 10:28 AM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Ryan; Kristin J (DEC)
Subject: PSP funding

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December 24, 2007

Honorable Sarah Palin
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Considering the high cost of energy, lack of infrastructure, limited labor pool and very high cost of operation, running a business in rural Alaska can be quite a challenge. This is particularly true in emerging industries where new obstacles are encountered around every corner. The last thing a rural entrepreneur needs is the state government pushing their heads under water.

Unfortunately, the "mom and pop" operations comprising the membership of the Alaskan Shellfish Growers Association find themselves in the position of being put out of business by the same government that is promising to help us develop one of Alaska's most promising opportunities to create new year-round businesses and employment. The state constitution even supports development of a responsible aquaculture industry, but that's not what we're feeling as we face state-imposed user fees that will put us out of business.

If the State of Alaska wants to help rural coastal communities strengthen economies battered by the loss of the timber industry and shrinking fishing and seafood processing opportunities it shouldn't work to foreclose promising new economic opportunities before they even get off the ground.

For the past five years we have been trying to convince the state to resume funding tests on shellfish for presence of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), but we've only been successful at temporarily keeping the program funded. But, these fixes are about to expire and we're looking at funding PSP testing through user fees that are so high that they will put at least half of existing shellfish farms out of business.

This includes my own farm, Tenass Pass Shellfish Company, which has been in business for the past 20 years. If the fees were in place this summer, I would have had to pay \$250 per week to the DEC lab to sell \$1,000 worth of oysters and clams, or 25 percent of my gross revenues. No small rural Alaska business can survive if the state takes one-fourth of its gross receipts before bills are paid for labor, fuel, freight, and

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materials, etc. For us it is as simple as looking at our already red bottom line and seeing the new fees would have doubled our losses last year.

If we have to close our operation, Naukati will lose two full-time, year-round jobs and the \$50,000 a year we spend in the community. You'll see this repeated in another two dozen farms scattered between Prince of Wales and Prince William Sound. While this may not be an economic emergency, these lost jobs and future potential are painful in an area like rural Southeast that is projected to lose 25 percent of its population by 2030.

As you can see from the attached resolution of the Southeast Conference, the PSP program also is widely regarded by coastal residents as an important state service designed to help protect public health. Every shellfish-producing state in the country provides free PSP testing of commercial harvests to ensure widespread compliance with monitoring programs except Alaska. As the population the most at risk of getting sick or dying of PSP, Alaskans deserve the same level of public health protection as other states.

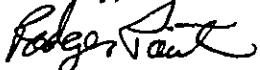
We respectfully request you reconsider your administration's decision to not include PSP testing as a general fund expenditure. We hope to be able to count on your administration as being supportive of shellfish farming.

We are confident the legislature will insert the \$80,000 in general funds to support this vital public health service if DEC just supports the proposal. So far, the agency has remained neutral on the issue.

While we understand your determination to hold the line on state spending, this small incremental expenditure certainly is well within the reach of the state to fund at a time when Alaska is enjoying billions of dollars in surplus revenues.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Rodger Painter
ASGA President

c.c. Cora Crome, governor's office
Larry Hartig and Kristen Ryan, ADEC
ASGA members

Unknown

From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]
Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 2:45 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Governor:

Thank you for the compliment. I will miss serving on RurAL CAP, but it's time for Rhonda to bring a new perspective and voice from your office. I hope you and your family are enjoying Christmas together (don't know if your husband's work schedule allows him to be with you today) and that God continues to bless you with wisdom and good counsel in the coming year.

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Mon 12/24/2007 4:55 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Fw: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Merry Christmas Annette! Thanks for the good and impressive work you've accomplished on Rural Cap, to be continued by Rhonda:

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Dec 2007 01:54:56

To: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>, "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "M Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Rhonda:

Couldn't agree more! Your discerning assessment of Annette's service there is spot on. Thanks for recognizing that.

It will be so great to have you as a part of Rural Cap now, too.

Thank you. And enjoy Christmas eve!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Dec 2007 14:26:57

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Not an urgent e-mail. But some insights into the value of the work that we do, that are not always in the job description.

During my first week on the job, Commissioner Annette Kreitzer did some mentoring, as she handed off her duties to me as the governor's representative on the RurAL CAP Board.

It's clear this non-profit agency is appreciative of Commissioner Kreitzer's five years of service on the board.

For one thing, she has a reputation for doing her homework. Board members talked about how she scrutinized the voluminous board packets - something that very few board members actually do. But they know Commissioner Kreitzer did, because she asked lots of tough questions. questions that weren't always well received at first, but in the end helped the organization better meet its challenges.

It struck me that this has taken a lot of courage on Commissioner Kreitzer's part. Since most non-profits are formed to provide a community service, there's a tendency for those who run these organizations to look past the bottom line questions - often to the non-profit's detriment.

From child development programs to energy, RurAL CAP is growing concern - a \$25 million a year corporation. And Kreitzer's expertise in budget and finance came at an important time.

Commissioner Kreitzer served on two nuts-and-bolts committees: the Audit Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.

During recent committee meetings, I had a chance to observe her in action. She often emphasized the importance of accountability and measuring outcomes.

A telling moment came in the discussion of RurAL CAP's vision statement - which included the goal of "Environmental Action." Commissioner Kreitzer questioned whether this was in line with RurAL CAP's mission to address poverty. At the Commissioner's suggestion, board members changed the language to "Community Improvement" - a goal that is not only more accurate, but less politically inflammatory - perhaps heading off future opposition to RurAL CAP programs. Many of RurAL CAPS programs deal with recycling and solid wastes - but are mostly used as a vehicle to grow village leaders - so to head them under "environmental action" is not nearly as comprehensive.

When the board officially thanked Commissioner Kreitzer, they teased her about her aversion to "group hugs. But you could sense from the people in the room, they would miss her dedication -- and occasional contrarian voice. There was acknowledgement that she served the greater good by raising good questions.

From energy to tribal government to subsistence, the state will wrestle with some difficult rural issues in the year ahead - and RurAL CAP will be an important resource to tap.

I look forward to serving on the board, appreciative that Commissioner Kreitzer has laid a good foundation for me. As I shadowed her, she took time to explain the dynamics of the board - and gave me pointers on how to conduct myself.

The RurAL CAP board is made up of Native leaders from across the state, and the care and professionalism that she took in making her transition off the board, put the Palin administration in a positive light.

It was nothing short of classy. And there's no doubt, Commissioner Kreitzer will be a tough act to follow.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 12:20 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Just fyi sched.

Today: valley community Christmas
dinner volunteer,

And Dec 27 afternoon AGIA mtg in Anchorage office.

(And last night Good Shepherd Lutheran Christmas service/program)

Thanks. Merry Christmas!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 5:00 PM
To: chuckabee24@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:15 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Chris Huckabee
address: CC Bristol Terr APT 314 Lawrence KS 66049

MESSAGE:

Maddam Governor:

As a resident of Kansas and an independent, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the great work you've done in cleaning up your state! I know you have said publicly that you aren't looking for a higher office, but if you were to run as a VP I think it would help either party you chose to run with. Keep up the good work!

chuckabee24@sbcglobal.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 5:00 PM
To: spitfirexxi2000@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:20 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Vernon Timberlake
address: 3516 Dove Loop South Owensboro KY 42301
270-827-7296 work days

MESSAGE:

I keep reading good things about your administration. Finally a republican willing to slash the wrists of those with their greedy little fingers in too many people's pies!

I'm college educated, and I do not vote any more because I feel so detached from government today that I feel I'm choosing the least of two evils at worst, and at best another politician that does not care about the sacred trust given to them to guard the interests of the people before the interests of big business, special interests, and praying before the God of the politically correct.

Thank you

spitfirexxi2000@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:56 PM
To: chestergpiotr@verizon.net
Subject: RE: Legal_and_lawsuits

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:25 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. Chester Piotrowski
address: 2628 E Lehigh Ave. Philadelphia PA 19125
215 423 9092

MESSAGE:

Just got done reading an article about your ethics reform in the state. You go girl. Keep up the pressure.

chestergpiotr@verizon.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:56 PM
To: jkmcclain@alltel.net
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:43 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: William McClain
address: 33871 Scott Rd poteau OK 74953
918 649 0296

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin:

What a relief to hear positive remarks about a politician. For some reason I tend to believe, you are determined to do what is best for the State of Alaska,despite the pressures of politics. Take care of Alaska,thenthink about the lower 48.

jkmcclain@alltel.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Daustin38@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Elections

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:45 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. David Austin
address: 134 Dewberry Drive Georgetown TX 78633
512-533-7104

MESSAGE:

It is so refreshing to hear of an outsider shaking up the establishment. Too long the overstuffed local/state/national politicians have said 'trust us' and gone about their business of accepting 'campaign and maintenance funds' from vested interest groups such as oil, lumber, auto, steel and labor.

When I was a child in Vernon, Texas, if an elected official visited our little town, it was as though the Pope had descended to grace us with his presence.

Today, I am so disgusted with state and national politics I wouldn't cross the street to acknowledge an elected legislator.

If I may suggest one very controversial but powerful recommendation to all elections: In addition to the candidates' names, include a box that simply states 'None of the above'. It would strike fear into all parties and finally force them to select qualified candidates for the elected post.

I am a history buff and recognize the signs from past mistakes which will repeat themselves given no input from the people.

Good luck, God speed, and be successful.

D. Austin

Georgetown, Tx 78633

Daustin38@gmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:55 PM
To: jerbarco@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Elections

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:59 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Barbara Hoerr
address: 6509 Highland Drive Everett WA 98203

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor (or screener);

Do not pass up the opportunity if it comes your way for VP or even Presidential position. It is a person like you (and your family since the job is definitely not done alone) that this country needs. I am a veteran, as is my husband, and what we need is a commander in chief that is attentive to detail and is not afraid to ask the questions. Alaska has gotten a bum rap of late but that is due to individuals and not Alaska as a whole. Should you decide to run for either of the above mentioned positions, you have our family's support to yours. Keep up the great work, lady. You rock.

jerbarco@comcast.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) {governor@alaska.gov}
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:55 PM
To: aknelson@alaska.net
Subject: RE: Homeland_Security

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 5:00 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Homeland_Security

Web mail from: Ms. Katrina Nelson
address: 53220 English Ave Kenai AK 99611

MESSAGE:

I'm very concerned with the information in our local town of Nikiski. That due to Homeland Security, the local beach acesses available are going to be closed. This is horrifying! And should not be allowed. I perssonelly have been born and raised in Nikiski. I grew up on a homestead, and spent the first half of my life on a Beach site in the Northern District of Cook Inlet. Now that I have a family of my own, we go to our beaches 5x a week easy during the summer. We use all the access that are going to be attemped to close. Using only the Captain Cook State Park access is insane. We are not tourist. We like the privacy available to us. to go where our truck/ATV will take us, as we are always beach combing. We have one Beach Access on Salamatof Rd. which is next to Tesoro & Agruim, which has a gate and Security patrolling 24hrs. a day. Local Setnetters use all the access as well. This issue really needs to be looked at. The beaches in Nikiski are not only used by locals. We

live at the end of the road. Many tourist use the beaches to look at the platforms. And for the view. Many people in Kenai, Soldotna & Sterling all come out here to look for Agates. The only other rocky beaches are out toward Kasilof. This information about the beach access being closed is very upsetting. I don't see a problem with a Security guard patroling the parking areas. But the beach is free. My family and many other families consider the beach our back yard. Personally the beaches is what has kept our and many families living in Nikiski. Being a very Industrial area, there isn't much to see or due. I would really appreiciate it if I could get a response from you Sara. I hope to get this issue resolved. Please let me and the people know what kind of action needs to be taken to prevent a closer.

Thank you

Katrina Nelson, Family

aknelson@alaska.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:54 PM
To: chris1776@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 5:00 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Chris Land
address: 1618 Willow Lane Euless TX 76039

MESSAGE:

I know being from Texas you might not ever see this, but I needed to say thanks to you.

I just read an article on you and the reforms you are taking on in Alaska. I only can begin to wish my republican Gov. would ever have such guts and ethics to do the same here.

I have almost totally given up on politics - including voting. I have been vocal to everyone from local to national politicians and all I see is money, power and the overwhelming need of the 2 parties to get more of each.

Someone like you makes me think that, at least in one state, that maybe this country still has hope.

I think our time is running out as a great nation, and reading of someone taking ethical stands like you are gives me hope.

Thanks much

Chris Land

chrisl776@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:50 PM
To: Kennedy; Peter J (HSS)
Subject: RE: Thank you

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Kennedy, Peter J (HSS)
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:48 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Thank you

Thank you for the early release from work on Christmas

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:49 PM
To: westbergindustries@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Public_Safety

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:54 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. Jon Westberg
address: 8250 Country Woods Rd. Anchorage AK 00502
(907) 677-8612

MESSAGE:

Hello Sarah , er Governor

Thank you for being who you are and resetting the agenda to rid the Greed and Corruption not from our Conservative Brethren, but from all that eat at the trough of greed.

Another issue you need to address just as we are doing so here in Connecticut is the EASE with which I secured the address and phone number of a Westberg in Alaska. I am not related to him, but picked it out to prove my point. It belongs to Kris Westberg and I intend to send him a copy of this. Right now , ZABASEARCH says "TUFF" to anyone who wants to opt out of public information. Our privacy is being violated every day in a new way. States can BLOCK firms such as ZABASEARCH if they are firm in their resolve promoted by a courageous leader such as our Governor Jodie Rell, who also took over the reigns from our own corrupt leader. Put this on your agenda and I am sure the whole state will support your efforts.

sincerely ,

Jon Westberg

Milford, CT

PS it is sad I had to use this subterfuge to contact you. I hope you get to read this.

westbergindustries@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:48 PM
To: venturethistime@aim.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:34 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Martin Romanchick
address: 808 Brookside Drive Toms River NJ 08753

MESSAGE:

Hello, I read an article about you on the internet today and have great respect for you. It was in regard to raising taxes on oil companies and basically stepping on the toes of people who are not quite doing what they should be doing. Article also said you were very content with being Governor of Alaska and you were not considering anything else, but were you to change your mind and run for President you would definitely get my vote and I am sure my wife would go along with me. We need an honest person that cares about the general public and not big industry. I was very impressed with what I read. Keep doing things the way you are doing them, finally I have read about someone in politics who cares.

Sincerely,

Martin Romanchick

venturethistime@aim.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:47 PM
To: Montague; Robert L (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:39 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Robert Mo

Unknown

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:20 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Saddler, Daniel R (GOV)
Subject: Re: Approve Final Draft Board Release

Dan's been dogged in the process of writing and pushing them through to completion. Lots and lots of detail. Huge kudos.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Saddler, Daniel R (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Wed Dec 26 15:10:54 2007
Subject: Re: Approve Final Draft Board Release

Excellent work on this huge list, all. Thanks! Looks good and is ready to go. (I'm reading a hard copy that Frank just gave me). Thanks guys.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2007 15:01:53
To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Subject: Approve Final Draft Board Release

Governor:

We are planning to send the attached release out shortly.

Frank, Dan and I have all looked over this final version.

Beth Leschper

907-465-3443

907-723-1321

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 07-247

December 26, 2007

Governor Palin Announces Board Appointments

Rehabilitation, Workers' Compensation, Natural Resources

ANCHORAGE, Alaska-Governor Sarah Palin today announced a number of

appointments to state boards and commissions including those responsible for compensation of injured workers and fishermen, vocational training for Alaskans with disabilities, workforce investment, natural resources conservation and development, boating safety, state parks, rural transportation and suicide prevention.

"Alaska is blessed to have so many people from every region of the state who are willing to volunteer their time and labor to these public boards and commissions," Governor Palin said. "I appreciate the service of these new and returning board members, and wish them every success in their work on behalf of Alaskans."

Governor's Committee on Employment and Rehabilitation

of People with Disabilities

Governor Palin appointed Ronald Broome, Joyanna Geisler, Grant L. Jackson, Hermann J. Tuna Scanlan, Patrick Shallcross and Lisa A. Smith to the Governor's Committee on Employment and Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities.

The Committee supports Alaskans with disabilities by helping provide rehabilitation and employment services, advising the state on ways to provide assistive technology and services, securing federal vocational rehabilitation funds, and creating statewide interest in employment and rehabilitation. Members represent the broad array of state public,

*private and nonprofit services and advocacy organizations serving
Alaskans with disabilities.*

Broome, of Anchorage, sells specialty hospital equipment, and has long been involved in community services for employment of people with disabilities. He has served as a micro-enterprise developer for the University of Alaska's Center for Human Development, on a state steering committee on customized employment of people with disabilities, and as an organizer of a support group for parents whose children with disabilities are making school-to-work transitions. Broome had previously served on the Committee from 1998-2001. He holds a bachelor's degree in labor economics from the University of Michigan. He was appointed to a seat reserved for an advocate for consumers of vocational rehabilitation services.

Geisler, of Homer, has been executive director of the Kenai Peninsula Independent Living Center in Homer since 1991. She was director of the Independent Living Center program at Homer's Community Mental Health Center from 1986-91. Geisler is treasurer of the State Independent Living Council, and has won the Governor's Award from the Governor's Committee on Employment and Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Utah, and a special education teacher certificate from the University of Montana. She was appointed to a seat reserved for a representative of the State Independent Living Council.

Jackson, of Anchorage, works as a parent trainer for Stone Soup, a

nonprofit advocacy group. He had been a case manager for Denali Family Services and coordinator of community support services for the Bristol Bay region for Hope Community Resources. Jackson serves on the board of directors of the Alaska Brain Injury Network, and is a volunteer in the areas of behavioral health, early learning and youth. He holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Plattsburgh State University of New York. He was appointed to a seat reserved for a parent trainer.

Scanlan, of Anchorage, is director of Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation projects for Cook Inlet Tribal Council Inc., where he has worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor. Scanlan has extensive experience at the American Samoa Community College, as human services department chair, vocational rehabilitation counselor supervisor, staff development coordinator, independent living coordinator, counselor and instructor. He was an adjunct instructor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Scanlan holds a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Seattle University, a master's degree in education from San Diego State University, and master's and doctoral degrees in public administration from Golden Gate University. He was appointed to a seat reserved for the director of a tribal vocational rehabilitation program.

Shallcross, of Haines, is a community services supervisor for REACH, a Southeast Alaska agency advocating for employment of disabled Alaskans. He has owned and operated a music and book shop in Haines, and has worked as an airline marketing director and travel agent. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice from the University of Northern Alabama. He was appointed to a seat reserved for a consumer of vocational rehabilitation services.

Smith, of Juneau, is a special education program manager for the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. She was a special education coordinator and teacher in the Aleutians East Borough School District, and a special education teacher in Montana. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from the University of Wyoming. She was appointed to a seat reserved for a representative of a state special education agency.

Workers' Compensation Board

Governor Palin appointed, Don E. Gray, Howard A. Hansen, Michael J. Notar, Douglas L. Orcutt and Marc D. Stemp to the Workers' Compensation Board.

The board's 18 members are selected from four major areas of the state, with half of the members representing labor and half of them representing management. The board has nine three-member panels, which include one labor and one management member, plus an attorney hearing officer from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The panels meet to hear and resolve disputed workers' compensation claims cases in their regions. The full board also oversees the workers' compensation system and benefit providers.

Gray, of Anchorage, was appointed to a seat representing management on a panel serving Southcentral. He is a loss control officer for ASRC Energy Services, the oil-field services subsidiary of Arctic Slope

Regional Corp. He has worked for the Native corporation's energy companies in human resources since 2000, including positions dealing with loss control, workers' compensation administration and Health/Safety/Environmental Technology. He earned an associate's degree in applied science and a bachelor's degree in health care administration, both at Davenport College.

Hansen, of Wasilla, was appointed to a seat representing labor on the at-large panel serving the entire state. A heavy equipment operator and member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302 since 1974, Hansen has also served as business agent and executive board member of the union since 2001. He was an instructor for the union at the Job Corps Center in Palmer from 1999-2001, and had a 24-year career as a heavy equipment operator in Alaska. Hansen attended Palmer High School and earned a general equivalency diploma.

Notar, of Juneau, was appointed to a seat representing labor on the panel serving Southeast Alaska. A journeyman communications technician, he has been assistant business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 since 1995, was a communications technician for Pacific Telecom from 1979-95, and worked as a residential and commercial electrician across the state. He graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School, and attended Peninsula Jr. College in Port Angeles, Washington.

Orcutt, of Anchorage, was appointed to a seat representing labor on a panel serving Southcentral Alaska. Orcutt has had a 32-year career as a ramp service agent for Alaska Airlines in Seattle and Anchorage, and is

a member of the International Association of Machinists Local 601. He has held numerous positions in the union, including 32 years on the shop committee, a three-person panel representing union members in discipline or retention matters. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Washington State College.

Stemp, of Fairbanks, was appointed to a seat representing management on a panel serving Northern Alaska. Currently executive vice president of planning, development and administration for Doyon, Ltd., he has 30 years of experience working in finance and management. His work includes service as president/CEO of Bethel Native Corp. from 1994-2006, chief financial officer of Kootznoowoo, Angoon's Native village corporation from 1993-94 and chief financial officer of Ahtna, Inc. from 1983-93. Stemp served on the Workers' Compensation Board from 1991-2006, and on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission from 2005-07. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Minnesota.

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

Governor Palin appointed state Rep. Wes Keller to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

The council is the interdepartmental planning and coordinating agency of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and other state departments that offer services or special education to Alaskans who are disabled. It also operates as the state disability/special education planning council under federal law, and works with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority on the state's integrated program for the mentally disabled. At least 60 percent of the members must be people with disabilities, or parents of people with disabilities.

Keller, of Wasilla, was appointed in July to represent House District 14, the Wasilla area, in the Alaska State Legislature. Keller served as chief of staff for state Sen. Fred Dyson from 1999-2007, and before that worked as a building contractor in Bush Alaska, an Alaska oilfield maintenance worker, and administrator of the Alaska Teamster's training center. Keller flew C-123 cargo planes for the Alaska Air National Guard in the early 1970s, and is a commercial pilot and flight instructor. He earned a bachelor's degree in broad field science from the University of Wisconsin, Superior and holds an Alaska teacher's certificate. Keller was appointed to a seat reserved for a member of the Alaska House of Representatives.

Natural Resources Conservation and Development Board

Governor Palin appointed Suzanne E. Fisler, Kristie May Parsons and Cheryl K. Thompson Renfrew to the Natural Resources Conservation and Development Board.

The five-member board, comprised of land users from around the state, makes recommendations to the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources on the orderly development of agricultural, forest and grazing land in the state. It also makes recommendations on the use or disposal of land and resources, represents the state in local, federal, state soil and water conservation programs, and serves as the board of directors for the Alaska District Soil & Water Conservation Board, for areas not organized into local conservation districts.

Fisler, of Kasilof, recently retired from a 28-year career with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, as a ranger on the Kenai Peninsula and chief ranger on the Kenai River. She worked as a natural resources specialist and the department's representative on the multi-agency Kenai River Center. Fisler and her family live on her husband's family's historical homestead and farm near Tustumena Lake. She has won numerous public service awards from the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, the Kenai River Sportfishing Association, the Alaska State Troopers' Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement and the Department of Natural Resources. She is a graduate of the Anchorage Municipal Police Academy. She was appointed to a seat reserved for a resident of Southwest Alaska or the Kenai Peninsula.

Parsons Renfrew, of Trapper Creek, raises and sells horses, sheep, chickens, pigs and hay. She works as a special education teacher for the Anchorage School District. She was district manager of the Upper Susitna Soil & Water Conservation district from 2004-07. She earned an associate's degree in food hospitality and a bachelor's degree in technology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She holds Alaska

teaching and special education certificates. She was appointed to a seat reserved for a resident of Southcentral Alaska.

Thompson, of Nome, owns a greenhouse business and raises rabbits and sheep. She teaches sub-arctic horticulture and gardening as an adjunct instructor at the Northwest Campus of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and at the University's Cooperative Extension Service in Nome. Thompson conducts an annual tour of area gardens for local horticulturalists. She earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Nebraska. She was appointed to a seat reserved for a resident of Northwest or Arctic Alaska.

Alaska Workforce Investment Board

Governor Palin reappointed Cynthia M. Erickson to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board.

The Board develops and oversees implementation of a comprehensive state human resource investment system, and promotes an efficient, effective and integrated system of employment education and training programs and services so that Alaskans have access to the training and opportunities necessary to earn a living wage and to meet the future business needs of the state.

Erickson, of Tanana, has been vice president and owner of Tanana Commercial Company since 1986, and vice president of the property leasing and fuel sales firm Tanakon since 1996. She was vice president of the Alaska Central Express airline from 1987-96 and co-owned Tanana Air Service from 1988-1995. She studied elementary education at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She was reappointed to a seat representing the private business sector.

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Governor Palin appointed Alan Andersen and Clay Bezenek to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council.

The Council oversees the administration of the Fishermen's Fund, a state-run program which provides medical benefits to Alaska's licensed commercial fishermen who are injured or become ill while commercial fishing in Alaska. The Fund receives a portion of resident and nonresident commercial fishing license and permit fees, and uses those funds to pay benefits to injured fishermen. The Council also reviews appeals of decisions by the Fund administrator.

Andersen, of Sitka, began commercial fishing with his father at age 12, and has spent 33 years in Southeast Alaska fisheries, as a salmon troller, and halibut and herring fisherman. He has served as a director of the Seafood Producers' Cooperative for 18 years, helping build the

Sitka plant that processes two-thirds of its members' catch. He has served for 10 years on the board of the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, a self-sustaining salmon hatchery operation. He has also worked in tax accounting. Andersen earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from Western Washington University in Bellingham. He was appointed to represent District 2, northern Southeast Alaska.

Bezenek, of Ketchikan, has been a commercial fisherman in Alaska for 24 years, fishing for crab, herring, halibut, black cod and salmon variously in the Bering Sea, Southeast, and Bristol Bay, and participating in shellfish dive fisheries in Southeast. He has owned a seafood processing plant in Craig since 1983. He was a founding member, and for three years a board member, of Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDA). Bezenek also served on Ketchikan's advisory board for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He studied biology at Concordia College in Moorehead, Minnesota, and holds a U.S. Coast Guard 50-ton license. He was appointed to represent District 1, southern Southeast Alaska.

Denali Access System Advisory Committee

Governor Palin appointed Carvel Zimin Jr. and reappointed Stephen P. Ivanoff to the Denali Access System Advisory Committee.

The committee advises the Denali Commission on surface transportation

needs in Alaska Native villages and rural communities, including projects to build essential access routes from the road system to villages and communities, and advises the Commission on transportation planning among Alaska Native villages.

Zimin, of South Naknek, works as a village agent for Peninsula Airways and as a winter watchman for Trident Seafoods. In addition to his service as a Bristol Bay Borough assembly member since 1990, Zimin has served on the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute's salmon marketing committee since 1997, on the municipal board of the Southwest Alaska Municipal conference since 1991, and on the board of the Alaska Peninsula Corporation since 1983. He was appointed to a seat reserved for a representative of a rural Alaska region or village.

Ivanoff, of Unalakleet, is a transportation planner for Kawaruk, Inc., a nonprofit arm of Bering Straits Native Corp. He is also a self-employed fisherman participating in the Norton Sound herring, salmon and crab fisheries. Ivanoff is vice president of the Unalakleet Native Corporation board of directors, and serves on the boards of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Bering Straits Native Corporation, the Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. and the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association. He attended Oregon State University. Ivanoff was reappointed to a seat reserved for an Alaska Native regional corporation nonprofit organization.

Suicide Prevention Council

Governor Palin appointed the Rev. Pat Donelson, and reappointed Brenda Moore, to the Suicide Prevention Council.

The Council is responsible for developing and implementing a statewide suicide prevention plan, and for providing an annual report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations. It also improves public awareness of suicide, enhances suicide prevention services and uses comprehensive, collaborative, community-based and faith-based approaches in its efforts.

Donelson, of Wasilla, is a minister with extensive experience in Bush Alaska doing work in drug, alcohol and suicide prevention. He was director of Northwind School of Ministry in Wasilla from 2000-06, and for eight years was youth director for the Alaska District Assemblies of God, responsible for youth ministry to 87 churches. He founded and served for eight years as president of Carry the Cure, Inc. Using donated money and aircraft, this corporation took a multimedia inspirational program to villages across the state, encouraging youth to lead positive, sober and straight lives. Donelson received his ministerial training at the Ichthus Bible Training Center in Salem, Oregon, and has been ordained by the Assemblies of God and by Northwind Global Ministries. He was appointed to a seat reserved for a member of the clergy.

Moore, of Anchorage, is the faith and community liaison for Christian Health Associates, a nonprofit health care, counseling and social ministry organization which she co-founded in 1995. She also performs community outreach services on contract for United Way of Anchorage. She has worked in community outreach for Abbot Loop Community Church and its counseling services from 1983-95, and worked in commercial banking in Anchorage from 1974-83. Moore has extensive experience working with faith-based organizations, often in partnership with government agencies and community nonprofits to meet human needs in a multitude of areas, including low-income housing, foster family support, child welfare, police and fire department chaplain ministry and various social services. She also serves on the Alaska Mental Health Board. Moore was reappointed to a seat on the Council reserved for a member of the Mental Health Board.

Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council

Governor Palin reappointed Dorothy Larson to the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council. The five-member council is responsible for developing management plans for the park with the advice and assistance of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and for monitoring the implementation of these plans. The 1.6 million-acre park in southwest Alaska is the nation's largest state park.

Larson, of Dillingham, is administrator of the Curyung Tribal Council,

Dillingham's traditional Native village council. She has extensive experience in community development, having worked with the Bristol Bay Native Association as community development and grant specialist, higher education coordinator, elderly services coordinator, summer youth coordinator and limited entry assistant. She has also owned and operated her own printing business for eight years in Dillingham. Larson holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. She was appointed to a seat reserved for a person nominated by the Dillingham City Council.

Boating Safety Council

Governor Palin appointed state Sen. Fred Dyson and Chris Osowski to the Boating Safety Council. The Council is responsible for advising the Alaska Department of Natural Resources on proposed boating regulations and safety educational materials, and on state, regional, and national issues related to power boats as well as sail, paddle, drift and other watercraft. It considers regional boating safety needs and promotes boating safety education programs throughout the state.

Dyson, of Eagle River, represents Senate District I in the Alaska State Legislature. A Bristol Bay commercial fisherman for 25 years, he has operated a Prince William Sound charter boat since 2003 and holds a U.S. Coast Guard master's license. He has been a collegiate rower, a wilderness canoeist, and an author on boating issues for Alaska newspapers and magazines. He has skippered a number of federal and

University of Alaska research cruises in Alaska waters, and wrote the safety manual for Alyeska's Valdez-based SERVS oil tanker escort vessel program. Dyson studied mechanical engineering at the University of Washington. He previously served on the Council from 2004-06, and was again appointed to a public seat.

Osowski, of Anchorage, has experience selling and operating a variety of powered and non-powered watercraft in Alaska. In addition to owning his own business selling jetboats, canoes, kayaks and rafts, he owns a company offering jet boat tours on the Twentymile and Knik rivers, conducts remote fly fishing and rafting tours, and with his family enjoys jet boating, canoeing, waterskiing and sailing in Alaska waters. He has worked in the oilfield services industry, and currently works as a production operator for ConocoPhillips. He graduated from Chugiak High School, and holds a U.S. Coast Guard master's license and Emergency Medical Technician certificate. Osowski was appointed to a public seat on the Council.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:18 PM
To: gtaul@cox.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:13 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Glen Taul
address: 2500 Forest Park Derby KS 67037
316-788-3065

MESSAGE:

You rock Gov.

Keep it up, what an example for the rest of gov officials all over the U.S.

gtaul@cox.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:17 PM
To: Donnie@sunstudios.tv
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:14 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Ak_History_Facts

Web mail from: Donnie Vick
address: 20590 Rookery Drive Estero FL 33928

MESSAGE:

Just read a story about you. Wow, what a breath of fresh air you are (if the story is correct).

Keep the faith. You are on the right path.

If you ever need anything please contact me.

Donnie Vick

President
Sun Studios

donnie@sunstudios.tv

Donnie@sunstudios.tv

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:17 PM
To: Dada1111@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:15 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Thomas Hayes
address: 20140 NE Sandy Blvd #75 FAIRVIEW OR 97024

MESSAGE:

I am a democrat turned Independent from Oregon and I want to commend you the job that you are doing for the citizens of Alaska without regards to party. You are truly a great american and may I wish you the best that life has to offer. Sincerely Thomas M Hayes

Dadall111@comcast.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:17 PM
To: mamcki1952@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:16 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Michael McKinnon
address: 49063 Maple Lane East Liverpool OH 43920

MESSAGE:

Dear Ms. Palin,

What a relief to see you accomplish so much in your first year.

I am a democratic voter, yet will vote for only those with a vision such as yours.

Respectfully,

Michael A. McKinnon

mamcki1952@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 3:10 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Scheduling 12.27 - 01.05.08

Sounds good for Lt. Governor to attend AGIA mtg. Still haven't heard what time team wants for mtg, but last wk it was noted that the mtg would be held in the afternoon.

Kaylene can come in before that mtg.

Still not sure on coming in on sat for zoo opening.

Christmas was great! Hope it was for your family too.

I'm in the Anchorage office if you need me.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2007 14:48:47

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Scheduling 12.27 - 01.05.08

The Lt. Governor's office just called and said that the meeting the Lt. Gov is referring to tomorrow is the same gasline meeting that is being requested by the gasline team. The Lt. Gov is on personnel leave right now but will come in for the meeting. Janice

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 1:53 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Scheduling 12.27 - 01.05.08

Thursday, 12.27 - The Lt. Gov would like to meet with you tomorrow, in regards to gasoline.

We also need to schedule Kaylene as she needs approx. 1 hour to finish up the interview with you.

Saturday, 01.05 - The Alaska Zoo would like to know if you will be able to cut the ribbon @ the re-opening of the Seal and Otter Exhibit @ 12:00 p.m.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas with your family. Thanks, Janice

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:40 PM
To: mmkahn03@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:43 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Marc Kahn
address: 6 regan court voorhees NJ 08043

MESSAGE:

Why can't all our leaders be as progressive and ethical like you?
Want to move to New Jersey?

Marc L. Kahn, MD

mmkahn03@comcast.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [govemor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:40 PM
To: jallison8353@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:45 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. john allison
address: 22902 ne 101st circle vancouver WA 98682
3602601781

MESSAGE:

Glad to see you as a Republican, cleaning house so to speak. I am not registered with any party, although I do vote Republican. We do need something clean in the political arena that people can respect. Our politicians need to be of the highest ethics possible. Even if it only seems there are very few "clean" politicians. The more the better. If it hints of being unethical, it probably is. You keep on the straight and narrow. Thanks. John Allison

jallison8353@hotmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov].
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:39 PM
To: jw-sting@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:00 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. James Weckesser
address: 104 Bellwood Court Phoenixville PA 19460
610-587-7829

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin - I congratulate you on your intense efforts in Alaska. You have earned the respect to run for the office of Vice President of this country. Please consider this a viable option in your career.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Weckesser

jw-sting@comcast.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:39 PM
To: jontben@verizon.net
Subject: RE: Legal_and_lawsuits

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:02 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. John T. Bentley
address: 223 Penn/Law Road Pennington NJ 08534
609-737-9046

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Congratulations for your tough stand on ethics and accountability in government. Not only does Alaska need your refreshing, no-nonsense governing style, but the whole country could do with a big dose of your leadership format. Very happy to read about someone who is definitely not part of the "Good Old Boys" club. I surely hope you continue to do a wonderful job in Alaska. Perhaps you might have a little energy left when your term is done; we surely could use you down here in New Jersey. Good Luck, and God bless.

John T. Bentley, a budding fan.

jontben@verizon.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:39 PM
To: fuzzycarroll@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:06 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Edith von Stauffenberg
address: P.O. Box 687 Haines AK 99827
907-766-3269

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

As an employee of the State of Alaska for the Alaska Marine Highway System, Haines Ferry Terminal, I appreciate the very thoughtful and kind Christmas present of 3.5 hours of "early release time." Every year I save up my annual leave in order to travel to California to visit my elderly mother. My annual leave not only pays my wage while I am away from work, but it also helps pay for my travel expenses. Therefore, your gift of 3.5 hours means a lot to me.

Thank you very much, and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Edith von Stauffenberg

fuzzycarroll@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:38 PM
To: micahak@bellsouth.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:22 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Micah Lee
address: 30 Little St. Lyman SC 29365

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

I am temporarily residing in SC, but as an Alaskan, I want you know that your efforts as Governor are making us very proud to be Alaskans. Please continue your hard work, to put the people first, as our founders intended, and never allow big business or the establishment to dictate policy.

Thank you, and God Bless.

Micah Lee

30 Little St.

Lyman, SC 29365

(formerly of Anchorage/Homer/Wasilla)

micahak@bellsouth.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:38 PM
To: ron68seen@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:24 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Ronald Nees
address: 24 Briarwood Dr apt# 11 attleboro MA 02703

MESSAGE:

Governor Plain
From one Republican to another.
GOD Bless You.Keep up the good work,
and give em HELL.

It's about time someone got into office
and knows what has to be done, and does it.

ron68seen@comcast.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:37 PM
To: jponder@petrostar.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:26 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Jan Ponder
address: PO Box 56992 North Pole AK 99705

MESSAGE:

Hello Sarah,

I just read the article online, "Alaska governor shows fearlessness" courtesy of Yahoo news. You made me so proud to call Alaska home.

Thank you,

Jan Ponder

jponder@petrostar.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:35 PM
To: jkratzer3@cavtel.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 2:39 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. James Kratzer
address: 22 Broadleaf Ct. Baltimore MD 21234

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin;

As a registered Republican in a Democrat state (why me, Lord?), I have to thank you for being a young, attractive person - of EITHER gender!

Yeah, Maryland has a relatively handsome Governor in Martin O'Malley. So WHAT? He's also a Tax & Spend DemCong LibTard! His nickname around here has become Martin O'Money, because he's never met a tax he didn't like!

Huzzah for Alaska! A good-looking Governor with something between her ears besides a high-quality vacuum!

Congratulations! Keep up the good work, and when are you moving to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, D.C.?

Jim Kratzer

PS: DON'T tell Martin about me; I'm a State Employee!

jkratzer3@cavtel.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 1:25 PM
To: susan@mthockeyplayer.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 1:05 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Taylor
address: 4838 Ludwell Branch Ct Raleigh NC 27612
919-325-0755

MESSAGE:

http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/national/story/2220538/

I was reading this article and remembered that two 1/2 years ago while visiting your BEAUTIFUL state, how badly the talk was about governor that was before you. YOUR state deserves all the \$ it can get and I hope to visit you again. We loved Mendenhall Glacier and Ketchikan the most. Next for us the interior Alaska. I wish you well. Susan

susan@mthockeyplayer.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:55 PM
To: bfitzgerald@richardscomputer.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:52 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Brady Fitzgerald
address: 2207 Morning Court Acworth GA 30102

MESSAGE:

I just wanted to congratulate you in your success! When are you going to run for President. You would certainly get my vote!

bfitzgerald@richardscomputer.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:55 PM
To: innishgypsy@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:54 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Dorothy Resent
address: 1840 W Whittier Blvd Apt 14 La Habra CA 90631
951-256-7518

MESSAGE:

While I was a resident of Alaska some years ago, I remember fondly the terrain and the people. Mostly the people.

In a state that proves why the lower 48 suffer from gluttony and stalled politics, I sense a purpose to your latest fight against the pork-barrel incumbents like Ted Stevens. I beleive that Diane Fienstein also needs to be looked at as she was a representative during my tenure in Anchorage that seemed to always vacilate on issues until the last minute; especially on oil revenue issues.

The only major concern would be the issue of ex post facto, after the law was enacted protection.

I would like to state that I am extremely happy to see a woman take the "good old boys club" and shake it up without backing down in fear or insecurity of the government and the male machismo.

In summation, "YOU GO GIRL!"

Respectfully,

Dorothy Resent

innishgypsy@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:54 PM
To: eddie@kbyr.com
Subject: RE: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:55 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Eddie Bureke
address: 322 Muldoon Rd Anchorage AK 99507
907-229-2287

MESSAGE:

HERE ARE QUESTIONS WE SHOULD BE ASKING ABOUT GOVERNOR Palin's PROPOSED BUDGET.

1. Oil revenues might be up, but production is in steep decline. In the near future, even if oil prices stay high, there will not be enough production to support the current size/cost of state government. QUESTION: How does the governor propose to pay for her expanded and more costly government?

2. The governor ran as a fiscal conservative who was going to hold down the cost of government and be accountable to the people. QUESTION: Why is the governor proposing to spend any windfall oil revenue on "wants" before paying off existing debt that are constitutionally mandated, such as PERS / TERS and money borrowed from the Constitutional Budget Reserve?

3. Oil revenues will be greatly diminished before any gas revenues become available to support the high cost of government. QUESTION: How does the governor propose to bridge the gap between the current oil revenue and future gas revenue?

4. QUESTION: If the governor transfers money from the earnings reserve account to the permanent fund principle will that reduce the dividend payment made to citizens?

It would be nice to have these questions answered so that they can be posted on the Eddie Burke Show KBYR Blog.

Eddie Burke

907-229-2287

eddie@kbyr.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:42 PM
To: rgmurphy@bellsouth.net
Subject: RE: Oil&Gas

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:12 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Oil&Gas

Web mail from: Mr. Richard Murphy
address: 1822 Augusta Rd West Columbia SC 29169
803-791-9958

MESSAGE:

I recently read an article on the Bellsouth web page about the work you have done and how you are not favorable with the Rep. Party for some of the stands you have taken. I just wanted you to know that I am a Republican and I am proud that you don't let party influence stand in the way of what is right and wrong. I have tried to teach my two daughters that if you don't want to read about it in the paper then don't do it. I look foward to talking to them about this article. I think it shows a lot of what I would like them to be when they grow up, strong backbone and a mind of their own. I will pray for you and your guidance of your state. I hope to visit the state at some time in my life but I wanted you to know that your story touche me and will make a difference in how I view the TRUE Rep. Party. That is the honest hard working. Don't think that I could ever be of help but if so let me know.

God Bless and good luck

Richard Murphy

rgmurphy@bellsouth.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:42 PM
To: taylorcountymuffler@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Legal_and_lawsuits

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Ms. deborah burris
address: po box 98 campbellsville KY 42719
270-789-8231

MESSAGE:

Alaska Governor Shows Fearlessness.

This news item was on my webpage server. I lived in Alaska for a few years and absolutely fell in love with the state. I hope to come back to visit in the future.

I wanted to congragulate you on your endeavors for your state and what you have done and intend to accomplish. There are not many public figures that buck the system and do what they were voted in to do. The tax payors pay their salary and too few remember that.

I live in Kentucky now, as it is my home state, but our last 2 governors left a sour taste in my mouth.

Keep up your great work.

Best Regards,

Deborah A Burris

taylorcountymuffler@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:01 PM
To: Tweedy, Regan I (DOC)
Subject: RE: leave for Dec. 24

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Tweedy, Regan I (DOC)
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:38 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: leave for Dec. 24

Governor Palin,

Just wanted to say thank you for the 3.5 hours of lea

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:59 AM
To: rdbrock46@comcast.net
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 12:06 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Mr. Robert Brockway
address: 7425 springvale way citrus heights CA 95621
9167220107

MESSAGE:

Dear Govener, I have just heard about your efforts in cleaning up corruption, standing up to the oil company's, and in general bringing to the office a little thing called honor, accountability, and honesty. what a wonderful breath of fresh air. Though I am a resident of Ca. please consider me a fan, and a vote should you try to take these virtues to a higher level. May god bless you and your entire family. Also may he place a hedge of protection around you and your accomplishments. Sincerely Robert Brockway

rdbrock46@comcast.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:28 AM
To: crossbones668@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Elections

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:32 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. John Pride
address: 114 S. Atley Lane Cary NC 27513

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

As a concerned and disaffected Republican, and a veteran, I would ask that you give serious consideration to running for Vice President in the 2008 election. The party we once were needs you to do so. You are a shining example of all that used to be good in our party, and might yet be again. While I know that you have oaths to uphold in your own state, the national situation is such that I sincerely believe it would be in the nation's best interests for you to shoulder one more burden.

Your Servant,

John Pride

crossbones668@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:28 AM
To: wbm@cox.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:36 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Wayne Matlock
address: 1520 N. Ave. H Crowley LA 70526
(337) 788-3538

MESSAGE:

I just want to Thank You for reshaping ethics reform. I hope our new Governor of Louisiana does the same. Keep up the good work. If you ever run for President you have my vote.

wbm@cox.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:27 AM
To: kelly1225@bellsouth.net
Subject: RE: Oil&Gas

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:40 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Oil&Gas

Web mail from: Mr. Sonny Kelly
address: 524 McElrath Road Starr SC 29684
864-296-5990

MESSAGE:

I am in the lower forty-eight but when I read an article about the oil industry in your state & your fight against them I had to commend you. I wish you were gov. in my stste. It's time somebody took a stand against the GOOD OL BOY SOCIETY. This country needs more people who has the balls to stand up for the people. If you ever dicide to run for higher office and continue with your same courace I would gladly vote for you. Keep up the good work you're doing in your state & mabe one day you will make it national. Good luck in fighting corruption. Keep it up.

kelly1225@bellsouth.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:26 AM
To: humblehammys@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:47 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. David Wiita-Hamlett
address: 326 Dana Ct. Manteca CA 95336
925-913-0201

MESSAGE:

Your Honor:

I read an article about you and the work you are doing in Alaska and it made me wish the property my wife and I have was in Alaska. While I do like our "governator", I can appreciate the integrity that I hear about you and the work you are doing to better your state by all you seem to be doing. It's great to see someone who is willing to step on toes when necessary regardless of party, as well as bringing in people as part of your cabinet, not governed by party lines but it seems by qualifications. From what I've heard you go the extra mile and then some. And from what I have seen of you picture wise, your sincerity and integrity shines through as well as you look like a woman of purpose, who is also a people person. The bible says to pray for our leaders and I am adding you to my prayer list. I will be asking GOD for His protection and guidance for you, your family, and your cabinet.

Blessings to you all,

Dave Wiita-Hamlett

humblehammys@hotmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:25 AM
To: BLACKHILLS69@RUSHMORE.COM
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:58 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. JON TRIMBLE SR
address: 317 41 ST. STREET RAPID CITY SD 57702
605-348-4211

MESSAGE:

JUST WANTED TO SAY CONGRADULATIONS ON YOUR EFFORTS AS GOVENOR OF ALASKA,

I AM SO SICK AND TIRED OF READING ABOUT THE CROOKED POLITISONS IN ALL OF STATE THAT BECOME SO TANTED WITH BRIBES. I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. ARE ALSO TIRED.

I HAVE VISITED ALASKA THREE SEPERATE TIME WHEN MY CHILDREN WERE STATIONED IN FAIRBANKS AREA.

GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND THE PEOPLE WILL SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS.

WE HERE IN SOUTH DAKOTA WANT TO BELIEVE IN JOHN THUNE BUT SO FAR HE IS JUST ANOTHER PUPPET OF BIG BUSINESS RAILROADS ECT.

HAVE FAITH IN WHAT YOUR BELIEVE IN.

SINCERELY

JON L. TRIMBLE SR.

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

BLACKHILLS69@RUSHMORE.COM

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:25 AM
To: joepessarra@suddenlink.net
Subject: RE: Legal_and_lawsuits

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:04 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Joseph Pessarra
address: 128 Warbler Way Georgetown TX 78633

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Just read some comments on your ethics legislation. You are doing the right thing. Forget the "party line", and stay the course. The Federal government seems to be a sinking ship, and it looks like the states are going to have to take the lead, and get things done right. That includes ethics, immigration, and taxing.

Good luck.

Joe in sunny Texas

joepessarra@suddenlink.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:24 AM
To: yukonjohn3@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: General Administration

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:12 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General Administration

Web mail from: Mr. John Greene
address: 932 Clear St. North Pole AK 99705
488-8184

MESSAGE:

Hi Sarah,

We have corresponded previously, and I just wanted to tell you that I still totally approve of your Governorship! You still are considered by me as "MY GOVERNOR"!! I have been in the interior for over 27 years, and know a ton of people and most of them feel the EXACT same about your leadership. From one Alaskan to another, we owe you a hearty slap on the back for standing up for us and doing what's right for ALL ALASKANS. Now, I see a movement to draft you as a VP candidate for the Republican nominee. I recently changed my registration from AIP to Republican just so I could vote for Ron Paul in the primary, and I beg of you, please stay with us here in Alaska! If it were a move to draft you for the PRESIDENTIAL nomination, well, that would be totally different. Or possibly if you were to run with Ron Paul, that would be different, but as you have stated, I think you can do us more good here at this time. I have seen talk on the net about the fact that you could beat Ted Stevens

for his seat. That might be an idea, but I cannot tell you how much I appreciate what you are doing for ME and other Alaskans in Juneau. Obviously, we would support whatever you decide to do in regards to your political future plans, but we sure like you where you are today!! I hope you have had the very best of the Christmas season, and send you the Best Wishes and Warmest Regards for the upcoming year! We look forward to the many good things that are in our future here in the Greatest State in the United States of America! Best Wishes, John Greene

yukonjohn3@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:22 AM
To: jaystrick@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: General_Administration

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:17 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Mr. Jason Strickland
address: 1050 Scott St, #6 San Diego CA 92106
6195180656

MESSAGE:

Governor Sarah Palin and staff:

As a born and raised Alaskan of multiple generations, I wanted to send a thank you for the steps you're taking at correcting the rampant corruption and special interests that go on in the wonderful state I call my home.

As my father was the Local 302 union representative for many years, I was able to hear of many of the issues with the Big Oil, and the many firms competing for Alaska's numerous resources from my father and many of his friends. Hearing and seeing the dirty side of the business at such a young age, it really disillusioned one to the morality and accountability towards our government.

Again, thank you for being non-partisan and working to better the state, rather than individual party agendas. It's politicians such as yourself and Dr. Ron Paul, who stand up for what's right and just, that give disaffected people such as myself hope for the future of our government, and the desire to actively help out again.

A sincere thanks,

Jason R. Strickland

jaystrick@hotmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:21 AM
To: jgriffis@cinci.rr.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 11:25 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: jason griffis
address: 5830 karen lane Milford OH 45150

MESSAGE:

Kudos on your ability to defy party lines and apply some real ethics to politics. I cannot say how great it makes me feel to actually read about an honest politician who actually does make a difference in our lives. I read, "Alaska Governor Shows Fearlessness" By STEVE QUINN Associated Press Writer, and I have found hope in future government. Could you please somehow organize a class for your upperclassmen as to what politics is really about? "Of the People, By the people, For the people" should be the first words any politician ever remembers.

I am 37yrs. old and have lost faith in the political system after seeing numerous scandals and huge porkbarrel spending and earmarks going to corporations and not back to the people who actually paid taxes into the system. Please keep up the great work and "keep 'em honest."

jgriffis@cinci.rr.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:14 AM
To: joedogsoldier46@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:20 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Joe Dirvin
address: 2051 No. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas NV 89108
702-982-3981

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

A a former resident of Alaska, as a teacher in Northwest Alaska, I applaud your determination and integrity. Keep up the great work.

A responsible fellow Republican,

Joe Dirvin

P.S. Your deeds put me in mind of the saying, "Alaska. Where men are men and woman win the Iditarod."

joedogsoldier46@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:03 AM
To: apple_williams@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Rural/Native

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 11:00 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Rural/Native

Web mail from: Ms. Amber Williams-Baldwin
address: 4719 124th street court sw Lakewood WA 98499
253-222-8420

MESSAGE:

In regards to my grandmothers death. She was Ester Wiemer. I just want you let you know my grandfather and my Aunt Carol got the letters you sent them about her being a pioneer of Alaska and how much it means to them. I'm one of the 17 grandkids, the youngest in fact, and I can tell you even being number 17 I felt her love everyday. She never felt like she did anything worth being remembered I think, so for you to have sent out those letters have made us very happy.

Amber williams-baldwin

Shaa wat klane

apple_williams@hotmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:03 AM
To: stubucks@earthlink.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:03 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Stuart Murray
address: 146 Uva Road Corrales NM 87048

MESSAGE:

It's refreshing to read news about a Governor that governs regardless of party affiliation. As a Republican, I think we need more people like you for our party. It's sad to think that both parties (Democrats and Republicans) are swept up in old party thinking.

You may not be my governor, but we could sure use someone like you down here in New Mexico. It would be a breath of fresh air.

Keep up the good work and hang in there.

Stuart

stubbucks@earthlink.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:02 AM
To: flippin@bellsouth.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 4:03 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Jerry Flippin
address: 3826 Royal Plume Douglasville GA 30135
404-219-6278

MESSAGE:

You are a very attractive Governor :-) Keep up your good work!

flippin@bellsouth.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 10:01 AM
To: Moore; Barbara S (HSS)
Subject: RE: Merry Christmas and thank you

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From: Moore, Barbara S (HSS)
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 6:02 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Merry Christmas and thank you

Hi

I have worked for the Juvenile Justice corrections for 18

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 1:23 PM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

From: Enochs [mailto:enotague@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 1:19 PM
To: 'Mock, Cathy'; Hildreth, Thomas A (HSS); Frisby, Susan E (HSS)
Cc: 'R. Thor & Joanna Williams'; Jackson, Karleen K (HSS); Sandoval, Tammy K (HSS); 'Ron Cowan'; Twomey, Timothy M (LAW); Johnston, Shanna R (LAW); Knight, Denise (LAA); donald.kitchen@alaska.gov; Palin, Sarah H (GOV); 'Julie Fulmer'
Subject: FW: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

Bill Evans, D O R S E Y & W H I T N E Y LLP (Counsel to Denali Family Services)

Since Denali Family Services has removed therapeutic foster care from my foster son's treatment plan (without guardian consent??), but kept all of their other BILLABLE??? wrap-around-services in place (Individual Therapy, Individual Skill Development, Medication Management, Case Management), whom shall be driving my foster son the 130 miles to his Denali Family Services medication appointment tomorrow at 1830, and giving feedback regarding his behaviors and response to his current dose of medication? Who shall be picking him up from his Denali Family Services 1700 therapy appointment on Monday, and who shall be providing information as to his home and community behaviors, particularly during his next treatment team meeting due next month?

Since my foster son has never met Denali Family Service's admission requirements, and the placement agreement has been expired for an unknown period of time, should DFS even be involved in any future decision-making or therapeutic processes?

What exactly is expected of this foster home? What payment can we expect and when? It's been 2 weeks since the CEO of DFS removed us from our foster son's care plan, but we know little else beyond this fact. Since I will likely have to return to work to replace the income withheld by DFS, I need to have a fast, definitive, explanation of current foster care pay, and our responsibilities that include schedule and appointment requirements, so I may work the hours needed to support the needs of this family—that include a severely emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded, foster son.

Please note: Denali Family Services has a history putting foster children at-risk, as documented throughout my report *I Matter*, by not following their own policies, and ignoring foster parent requests for help. This persistent pattern of neglect and indifference resulted in the death of 10-year-old Steven Murray in 07/27/99, and I suspect there have been more children. I know of another therapeutic foster parent, who completed their 8th incident report this last summer, without DFS intervention or even debriefing.

This problem goes beyond just this foster home.

From: Enochs [mailto:enotague@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:21 PM
To: 'Mock, Cathy'
Cc: 'R. Thor & Joanna Williams'; 'Frisby, Susan E'; 'Hildreth, Thomas A.'; 'Ron Cowan'; 'donald.kitchen@alaska.gov'; 'Rebecca Starry'; 'tammy.sandoval@alaska.gov'; 'sarah.palin@alaska.gov'; 'karleen.jackson@alaska.gov'; 'tim.twomey@alaska.gov'; 'shanna.johnston@alaska.gov'; 'Julie Fulmer'; 'Denise_Knight@legis.state.ak.us'
Subject: RE: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

11/9/2009

Mr. Evans,

Therapeutic Foster Care is included in my foster son's current treatment plan. It is also the one therapy in his care plan that has been consistently stable and successful. Yvonne Chase has never been listed as a member of my foster son's treatment team, and as such, does not get to suddenly exclude successful therapies to suit her fancy. Treatment plan decisions are made by the guardian(s), in a treatment team format. Medicaid pays the bills— NOT DENALI FAMILY SERVICES. My foster son continues to receive therapeutic foster care therapy in my therapeutic foster home, and I expect to be reimbursed for services rendered.

Who shall I bill as of 12/13/07?

Ron Cowan, Disability Law Center of AK:

Since this clearly is an effort to cause financial strain in this foster home, and thereby disrupt my foster son's placement, would you mind running this by your lawyers to advise us of our rights?

Mr. Kitchen and Ms. Starry:

Help. Please.

From: Mock, Cathy [mailto:Mock.Cathy@dorsey.com]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 3:34 PM
To: enotague@mtaonline.net
Cc: Evans, William; Chiara, Melissa
Subject: Termination of Treatment Foster Care Placement Agreement

Please see attached letter from Bill Evans.

Catherine L. Mock
Legal Secretary

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Thank you.

<<Letter to Enochs .pdf>>

11/9/2009

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:59 AM
To: kelley1606@gci.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 6:53 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kelley B

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:54 AM
To: Stiner, Theresa W (DNR)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 8:57 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Theresa

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:53 AM
To: Love-Hestnes; Sonja (DEC)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:26 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Sonja Love-

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:53 AM
To: Sherman; Barbara K (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:54 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Barbara

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:52 AM
To: worley@netins.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:58 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Paul Worley
address: 2984 River Road Decorah IA 52101
563 382-6323

MESSAGE:

God Bless you, Sarah! You must be a true angel ... and it's true angels like you that give me any hope at all for this country as a whole. Thank you for being there for all of us.

worley@netins.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:52 AM
To: corimambo@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 4:55 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: ENRICO CAYANAN

address: 3635 CLAVERIA ST., BARANGAY STA. TRINIDAD ANGELES CITY - 2009 PHILIPPINES AK 2009
+63-889-3288

MESSAGE:

I'LL JUST LIKE TO GREET YOU Ma'am MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HOPING YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND THE REST OF THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA. THANK YOU

corimambo@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:50 AM
To: thefeins@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 10:53 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Roland Fein
address: PO BOX 58237 Fairbanks AK 99711
907-488-4265

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I am very distraught over some of the issues that face Alaska in the coming years in regards to our Fish and Wildlife resources. It has become very apparent as I have done some research that our State F&G Dept is severely lacking the funding and manpower to do appropriate and much needed research and studies in regards to our Dall Sheep populations.

These are my concerns:

#1 There is a very large problem with the poorly regulated guide industry that is little by little controlling the access to many mountainous areas in all of our mountain ranges and preventing access to Alaskan residents by practically controlling the air charter businesses that work in their guide areas because they spend so much money with them.

#2 The guide industry is out of control in their search to provide clients with Alaska's most prestigious trophy, the Dall Sheep. Guide services are working drainage after drainage until there are few Rams left and then they move on down to the next set of

mountains and repeat the damage they have already done.

#3 No state in the U.S just allows non-residents to buy and over the counter trophy tag like the Dall sheep, Rocky Mountain Big Horn, Mountain Goat, or Desert Big Horn , nonetheless for a measly \$425. The tag fees needs to be raised and the ability to purchase one over the counter without a draw process needs to stop. There are not enough Dall Sheep in Alaska to support the desire from wealthy hunters from the lower 48 with their dream hunt , not once but many times.A draw system for non-resident sheep hunters needs to be established for every unit not just the ones that are currently a draw.

#4 Amongst resident hunters that spend a lot of time in the mountains there is concern that certain mountainous areas are severely lacking in sheep, yet no valid and current research or studies are being conducted due to low funding and manpower. Not even in the trophy quality classified units. The feds are able to support a 20:1 personnel manning for units as compared to our state biologist and personnel. As much as I attribute the hunting pressure and harvest of the guiding industry on the populations of our wild sheep I also see a huge need for some heavy predator control in many areas to protect the precious resource, our wild sheep.

#5 Each and every year it seems as though more and more restrictions are being placed on resident hunters in sheep hunting units and the reasoning is both unsupported (in some cases) and or caused by the ever increasing pressure from the guiding industry.

Governor Palin, I can't imagine that you do not care what is happening in our state, and as I see it Alaska has two major resources....Oil and Wildlife. If we don't do what needs to be done we will surely lose one of them. I understand that their is huge revenue in the money non-resident hunters spend in Alaska but very little of it goes to Alaska but mostly to the same specific companies year after year. I know this is a lot of info and you are probably not completely aware of these issues, but Governor Palin, something needs to be done! We cannot allow commercial hunting to reduce our resources to nothing and at the same time spend no money in research or prevention (predator control) and just hope it will all fix itself.

I am very interested in the proposal process for the BOG and have looked into the goals of the very many orgs that are constantly at work to help correct some of our problems, but it appears that it is all in vain. There has been talk about creating harvest tag fees for residents rather than them being free. I support that wholeheartedly as many resident hunters do but the concerns are vast that even with more funding it won't be properly allocated for its intended purposes. And then to make matters worse there is the political issues that correlate with raising tag fees and voting and or the fear of not being voted for. I am simply in awe that we are so politically twisted that we cannot do the right things to protect that which is what makes our state so great and special. I am a very frustrated and concerned citizen of this state that feels like he can shout as loud as I like and yet no one will hear me. I am writing this to you because I could only hope that you truly care about t

hese issues and hold a special place in your heart for those precious animals that our state, and only our state has in this country. There are many lessons to be learned from the mistakes that many other states in our country have made, let us not follow in their footsteps!

Sincerely,

Roland J. Fein

thefeins@hotmail.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 9:41 AM
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Katz; John W (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Persily; Larry A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Approve Final Draft News Release Customs Interpretation

Looks good. Thanks Beth.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2007 09:37:30

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>, "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>, "Persily, Larry A (GOV)" <lpersily@alaskadc.org>

Subject: Approve Final Draft News Release Customs Interpretation

Governor:

We are planning to send the attached release out shortly, with a copy of your Dec. 20 letter.

John, Larry and Randy reviewed the initial draft.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

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December 26, 2007

Governor Palin asks Customs to exclude Alaska cruises from proposal

New interpretation for Hawaiian cruises would hurt Alaska visitor
businesses

Governor Sarah Palin has asked the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to back off on a proposed rule interpretation that would harm the Alaska tourism industry.

At issue is the agency's proposed interpretation of an 1886 maritime law that would require foreign-owned cruise ships running between the U.S. West Coast and Hawaii to spend at least 48 hours in a foreign port. The vessels would also have to spend at least half as much time in a foreign port as spent in all U.S. ports of call.

If applied to Alaska cruises, the governor said, the new interpretation would force cruise lines to significantly cut back their time in Alaska ports, pulling hundreds of millions of dollars a year out of the Alaska economy.

The governor has asked the bureau to exclude Alaska cruises from its rule interpretation aimed at a specific problem with Hawaiian cruises. If not, the bureau should at least start over with a full impact review and public process, the governor said.

"The proposed rule interpretation, aimed at Hawaiian Coastwise Cruises, would be a dramatic and abrupt shift in policy of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection if it were applied to Alaska cruises," Governor Palin said in her letter. "Taking something that is working well and changing it - much less on 30 days notice - is not reasonable public policy."

If adopted, the new rules could begin for next spring's cruise season. About one million passengers visited Alaska by cruise last year.

"Such a severe and short-notice change in itineraries as would be required under this proposal could create havoc for communities, travelers and the industry," the governor said in her comments to the Customs Bureau.

"I ask that you either clarify that Alaska cruises are excluded from the Hawaiian Coastwise Vessels interpretation, or withdraw the proposed rule interpretation, perform a thorough review of the impacts, and then follow the normal federal rule-making process, including the opportunity to comment," Governor Palin said in the letter. "This process is necessary to ensure adequate consideration of all the economic issues at stake."

The governor was especially critical of the short public comment period provided by the Customs Bureau.

"The official notice in the Federal Register on November 21 was the first public word of the proposed rule interpretation," she said.

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